



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY

WHEREAS, May 3rd is a Polish national and public holiday that celebrates the declaration of the Constitution of May 3, 1791; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791 is considered one of the most important achievements in the history of Poland; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution is generally regarded as Europe's first and the world's second modern codified national constitution, following the 1788 ratification of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's history and cultural wealth have been shaped and enriched by Polish-Americans and their commitment to helping make our county a better place to live, work and raise families; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance of Polish Clubs in the U.S. and in the Polish-American community have continued their tradition by celebrating the 224th anniversary of Polish Constitution Day; and

WHEREAS, this national and public holiday is celebrated by persons of Polish descent all over the world, in Cook County, and in Chicago, which is the home of the largest community of Polish-Americans in the United States. Chicago has one of the grandest celebrations of Polish Constitution Day in our country; and

WHEREAS, Polish Constitution Day has been a focal point of ethnic celebrations of Polish-American pride in Chicago, dating back to 1892. Poles in Chicago have continued this tradition to present day, marking it with festivities and with the annual Polish Constitution Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Constitution Day Committee and the Polish-American community have organized the Polish May 3rd Constitution Day Parade on May 2, 2015, along Dearborn Street, from Lake Street to Van Buren St.; that was Chicago's 124th celebration of the Polish Constitution of 1791.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2015, to be "Polish Constitution Day" in Cook County, and urge all County residents to recognize this anniversary and be aware of the many contributions that the Polish-American community has made to this County.