

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, every year when the Earth's southern hemisphere reaches its farthest distance from the sun, the Kichwa people gather to celebrate Inti Raymi or the "Festival of the Sun"; and,

WHEREAS, it marks the solstice and the beginning of a new year in the Andes, while also honoring the Inca Sun God, Inti, and Mother Earth, Pachamama. This event takes place at the Inca walled complex of Sacsayhuaman with a dramatic reenactment of the traditional ceremony; and,

WHEREAS, today, Chicago is proud to join with the Kichwa nation to celebrate Inti Raymi right here in our great city; and,

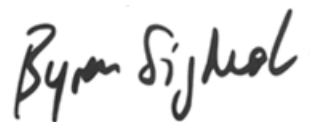
WHEREAS, to commemorate the new year, Kichwa Community of Chicago is hosting its annual celebrations, Inti Raymi Chicago 2024, taking place from June 17th to 19th. This organization has done remarkable work promoting the culture and heritage of these indigenous peoples throughout Chicago, and this month's event is a wonderful opportunity to applaud its service to the community and our city; and,

WHEREAS, Chicagoans of Kichwa descent make invaluable contributions to our City's economic vitality, cultural vibrancy, and civic progress, and their shared culture and traditions help drive our collective spirit; and,

WHEREAS, the Kichwa peoples gather to celebrate the beginning of the new year, Chicagoans of all backgrounds recognize the tremendous achievements and rich traditions of this civilization and its descendants; and,

WHEREAS, establishing a day to recognize Inti Raymi is appropriate and necessary as a celebration of indigenous roots and diversity in our city; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here in this twelfth day of June, 2024, do hereby declare that the twenty-fourth of June, 2024 will be officially recognized as Inti Raymi Day throughout Chicago.



Byron Sigcho-Lopez
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