

**COMMEMORATION OF THE 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF RENOWNED  
ARCHITECT BENJAMIN H. MARSHALL**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Chicago commemorates the sesquicentennial anniversary of the birth of renowned Chicago architect, Benjamin Marshall; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Chicago has been notified of this momentous occasion by the Honorable Alderman Brian Hopkins of the 2nd Ward; and

**WHEREAS** Benjamin Marshall, a native Chicagoan, was inspired by the World's Columbian Exposition held in Chicago in 1893; and

**WHEREAS** despite having no formal education in the architectural field, Marshall apprenticed himself in the Chicago architectural firm *Marble & Wilson* and soon became a partner in his own firm *Wilson & Marshall* in 1895; and

**WHEREAS** Benjamin Marshall hired Charles Fox thus establishing the firm of Marshall & Fox in 1905, responsible for the dramatic development of the Chicago skyline, designing such landmarks including the Drake Hotel, the Blackstone Hotel, the South Shore Country Club, the Edgewater Beach Hotel and Apartments and notable addresses such as 1550 North State Parkway; and

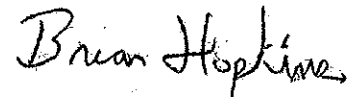
**WHEREAS** Benjamin Marshall has played a defining role in the history and culture of Chicago's vibrant past in addition to his architectural contributions, and

**WHEREAS** Benjamin Marshall left a legacy of hotels, theaters, residences and iconic structures across the country, and

**WHEREAS** Benjamin Marshall inspired the creation of the Benjamin Marshall Society and from May 2024 to May 2025 it will join the city in commemorating the Sesquicentennial of his birth; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twelfth day of June, 2024, honor the memory and life of Benjamin H. Marshall and hereby declare that henceforth, May 5 shall be known as "Benjamin Marshall Day" in the City of Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Benjamin Marshall Society as a sign of our honor and respect.



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**BRIAN HOPKINS**  
Alderman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward