

RULES
COMMITTEE
CONSENT

Resolution Naming August, 7 2023 As "National Lighthouse Day in Chicago"

WHEREAS, August 7, 2023, marks the 234th anniversary of President George Washington signing the "LightHouse Act of 1789," officially known as "**An Act for the establishment and support of lighthouses, beacons, buoys, and public piers**," (1 Stat. 53, chapter 9); and

WHEREAS, The national lighthouse preservation movement has gained momentum over the past half century and is making major contributions to the preservation of maritime history and heritage and, through the development and enhancement of cultural tourism, to the economies of coastal communities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Harbor Lighthouse holds a special place in the hearts of many who visit and who call this great city home. For more than a century, the lighthouse has guided mariners entering and departing Chicago Harbor; and


WHEREAS, The Chicago Harbor Lighthouse has stood the test of time and weathered the storms of Lake Michigan. Initially built during the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, the Lighthouse moved to its current location in 1919; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Harbor Lighthouse stands today as Chicago's preeminent icon of the City's maritime history. The commercial traffic that made Chicago Harbor such a busy port and put Chicago on the map would not have been possible without the evolution of lighthouses on our lakefront; and

WHEREAS, The current condition of the Chicago Harbor Lighthouse is stable, but in need of preservation and restoration work. The City of Chicago and Friends of the Chicago Harbor Lighthouse are working together to return this magnificent structure to its original beauty. This work is especially urgent due to the changing environment of Lake Michigan and the onset of stronger storms due to climate change; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-first day of June, 2023, do hereby declare August 7, 2023 as "National Lighthouse Day" in the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Friends of the Chicago Harbor Lighthouse as a sign of our honor and respect.



BRENDAN REILLY
Alderman, 42nd Ward