



CITY OF CHICAGO  
BILL CONWAY  
ALDERMAN, 34TH WARD

July 19, 2023

Proclamation: Riccardo Muti

WHEREAS, The members of the City Council of Chicago wish to recognize the many accomplishments and the tenure of Riccardo Muti as Music Director for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Maestro Riccardo Muti celebrated his final concert as Music Director for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on June 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has been notified of his departure from this role by The Honorable Bill Conway, Alderman of the 34th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Maestro Muti began his tenure as Music Director in 2010, following a decades-long relationship with the Chicago Symphony that began with a 1973 concert at the Ravinia Festival and included a Grammy Award-winning recording of a 2009 performance of Verdi's "Requiem"; and

WHEREAS, Maestro Muti was a leader for the ensemble both locally and abroad, including trips he led to Japan and Italy; and

WHEREAS, education was a priority for Maestro Muti and shaped much of his work engaging with audiences across the globe, including leading rehearsals with the Chicago Youth in Music Festival and establishing a partnership between the Chicago Symphony and the Illinois Youth Center; and

WHEREAS, at a community concert at Millennium Park's Pritzker Pavilion, Maestro Muti will conduct Tchaikovsky's "Fifth Symphony" and Florence Price's "Andante moderato" to close out his extraordinary tenure as Music Director for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this day of July 19, 2023, do hereby express our appreciation and wish him success in his next chapter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be printed to Maestro Riccardo Muti as a token of our appreciation for his contributions to the City of Chicago.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Conway". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Alderman, 34th Ward