

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, August 7, 1974, marks the birth date of preeminent actor Michael Shannon; and

WHEREAS, Michael's deep roots in the Chicago acting and theater scene are evidenced by such films as "Chicago Cab", "What They Had", "The Ride", and work at local theater companies including Steppenwolf, Lookingglass, Northlight, Famous Door, and Next Theatre where he has performed in "Grace", "The Idiot", "Shrapnel in the Heart" and "Killer Joe", just to name a few productions; and

WHEREAS, Michael's connection to Chicago is further exemplified by his 1993 cofounding of the Red Orchid Theater in the Old Town neighborhood where he would eventually win a Jeff Award in 2013 for Best Actor in the theater's production of "Simpatico" and another in 2018 for Best Director in the play "Traitor"; and

WHEREAS, Over the expanse of Michael's career he has participated in nearly 90 film roles, 17 television roles, and 32 theater roles; and

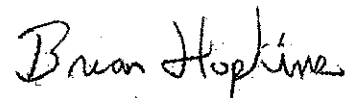
WHEREAS, Each of these endeavors taken together have resulted in 2 Academy Award nominations, 1 Golden Globe Awards nomination, 3 Screen Actors Guild Awards nominations (2 of which were won), 1 Tony Awards nomination, and 12 theater award nominations (4 of which were won); and

WHEREAS, Acting as an artform is integral to the shaping societal culture, provides us understanding on the perspective of others and helps to reify the complexity of human relations and morality; and

WHEREAS, Few are as dedicated to and proficient at their craft as Michael; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this nineteenth day of July, 2023, do hereby declare August 7, 2023 as "National Michael Shannon Day" in the City of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Michael Shannon as a sign of our honor and respect.



Brian Hopkins
Alderman, 2nd Ward