



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the former colony of French Cameroon gained independence on January 1, 1960 and the former colony of British Cameroon gained independence on October 1, 1961; and

WHEREAS, the country of Cameroon chose May 20th as the day to commemorate their vote to establish the United Republic of Cameroon in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Cameroon National Day bears profound significance symbolizing unity, honor, liberty and pride; and

WHEREAS, Cameroonians living in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs will celebrate Cameroon National Day in Chicago, on June 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Cameroon National Day is marked by a number of festivities that illustrate Cameroonian pride and invite the greater Chicagoland community to share in thoughtful cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, we are reminded of the indomitable spirit of the Cameroonian people who continue to make lasting social, economic, artistic, and educational contributions that impact the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois and this nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago boasts a diverse population of residents with vibrant traditions and cultures, all of which, remain vital to our reputation as a world class city; and

WHEREAS, the Cameroonian American community of Chicagoland will celebrate Cameroon National Day in recognition of our universal freedoms and their value in our daily lives:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim June 1, 2013 to be CAMEROON NATIONAL DAY IN CHICAGO in celebration of Cameroon Independence and urge all Chicagoans to take part in the cultural festivities planned for this occasion.

Dated this 29th day of May, 2013.


Mayor