



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT  
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since its establishment, the City of Chicago has always been home to vibrant communities of diverse people hailing from all over the world boasting distinct cultural heritages; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have provided the United States with unique social and cultural influence and have fundamentally enriched the extraordinary character of our nation; and

WHEREAS, immigrants representing over 160 countries make up one of every five residents of the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, nearly twenty-five percent of all essential frontline workers in Chicago were born outside of the United States; and

WHEREAS, immigrants continue to grow businesses, innovate, strengthen our economy, create American jobs, and add to the vibrant culture of Chicago with nearly a third of all business owners in Chicago being immigrants; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have been tireless advocates and leaders not only in securing their own rights and access to equal opportunity, but have also campaigned to create a fairer and more just society for all Chicagoans and around the country; and

WHEREAS, despite their countless contributions, the role of immigrants in building and enriching our nation has frequently been overlooked and undervalued throughout our history and continuing to the present day:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim June 2021 to be IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH IN CHICAGO and urge all residents to recognize and celebrate the contributions made by immigrants.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori E. Lightfoot".

Mayor