



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) was established in 1986 with a founding membership of eighteen institutions to improve access to post-secondary educational opportunities for Hispanic students; and

WHEREAS, HACU is dedicated to championing Hispanic success in higher education in the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, HACU is the only national association that represents Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) – colleges and universities that educate and empower more than two-thirds of all Hispanic college students; and

WHEREAS, HACU's advocacy efforts in 2013 has resulted in \$95 million appropriated for the HSI undergraduate program under Title V of the Higher Education Act; and

WHEREAS, HACU represents 489 colleges and universities that enroll more than 50 percent of the 2.4 million Hispanic students in U.S. higher education across 35 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, HACU has 19 member colleges and universities with 1 member school in the district from Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago welcomes the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities and all involved for their 27th Annual Conference, October 26-28, 2013:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim October 26, 2013 to be HISPANIC ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES DAY IN CHICAGO in recognition of the enduring work of this important organization, and urge all residents to acknowledge its mission.

Dated this 25th day of October, 2013.

Mayor