



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD M. DALEY
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, TALK LIKE SHAKESPEARE DAY began in the City of Chicago, took the nation by storm and spread yonder to the far reaches of the globe, commemorating the day of Shakespeare's birth with a worldwide celebration; and

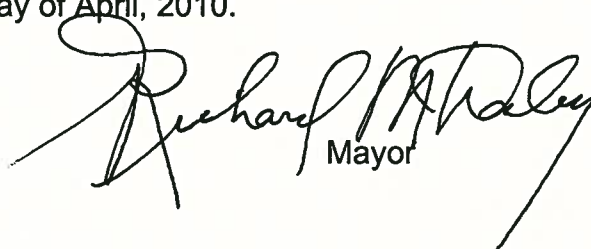
WHEREAS, Chicago is recognized as the home not only of 'Da Bulls and 'Da Bears, but also 'Da Bard, with over 200 theater companies following in Shakespeare's model for bold, creative, and broadly relevant storytelling onstage; and

WHEREAS, Shakespeare single-handedly contributed over 1,700 words and innumerable phrases to the English language, including but not limited to "circumstantial," "majestic," and "dead as a doornail;" and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with Chicago Shakespeare Theater's annual celebration of Shakespeare's birthday, Chicagoans young and old, at school, work and home, will be encouraged to incorporate phrases such as "prithee," "thou," "fie!" and "knave" into their parlance as a way to celebrate the legacy of the language:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD M. DALEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim Shakespeare's birthday, April 23, 2010, to be TALK LIKE SHAKESPEARE DAY in Chicago, and encourage citizens to let boldness be thy friend and celebrate Shakespeare by vocal acclamation of his words.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2010.


Mayor