



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT  
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Chicago Collections Consortium is a membership organization made up of not-for-profit institutions with collections that chronicle Chicago's rich history; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Collections Consortium is made up of over 55 libraries, museums, institutions, and cultural organizations that works to make archival collections available to the public to explore freely, easily, and openly; and

WHEREAS, through their flagship initiative, Chicago Collections has made more than 100,000 historic photos, maps, letters accessible to researchers, students, teachers, and the general public through their Explore Chicago Collections portal; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Chicago Collections Consortium hosts exhibitions that introduces audiences to important moments in Chicago's history; created ASK Chicago Collections, a virtual reference desk that responds to inquires about member collections and facilitates their access and use; and a membership and collection that is always growing as new institutions and organizations add to this vital collection; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2022, the Chicago Collections Consortium will mark their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the release of a digital exhibit featuring Chicago's diverse and vibrant neighborhoods and communities and a virtual public event that highlights the role cultural heritage collections play in our city:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2022 to be CHICAGO COLLECTIONS CONSORTIUM DAY IN CHICAGO in celebration of ten years of preserving and sharing the history and culture of Chicago for present and future generations.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2022.

  
Mayor