



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the passing of a loved one proves a difficult time for any person, and the undue stress of making final arrangements can be alleviated with knowledgeable professionals; and

WHEREAS, based in Deerfield, Illinois, Selected Independent Funeral Homes is a worldwide, invitation-only association comprised of independently-owned, professionally-trained funeral homes; and

WHEREAS, its member organizations – a number of which serve the Chicagoland area – pledge to maintain the highest standards abiding by the association's Code of Good Practice; and

WHEREAS, all firms are invited into membership based criteria including their commitment to quality, range of options and reputation, and an assessment of families' overall satisfaction with service received; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 20,000 funeral homes in the United States yet only 7% of these institutions meet the qualifications for membership in Selected Independent Funeral Homes; and

WHEREAS, officially organized on September 16, 1917 as National Selected Morticians, this year marks a special milestone as Selected Independent Funeral Homes celebrates its centennial:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim September 2017 to be SELECTED INDEPENDENT FUNERAL HOMES MONTH IN CHICAGO in recognition of the Association's contributions to the funeral profession and for 100 years of providing service, education and support to independently-owned funeral homes.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor