



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

BRANDON JOHNSON  
MAYOR

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Europe Day is held every year on May 9, commemorating the anniversary of the 1950 'Schuman Declaration'—the first step toward the creation of what is now the European Union of 27 European countries; and

WHEREAS, Europe Day is celebrated every year on May 9 in the United States, which has supported the process of European integration since 1953 when it first established diplomatic relations with the European Union in its original form; and

WHEREAS, ties between the European Union and the United States are founded on shared values of democracy, rule of law, human rights and equality; and

WHEREAS, the United States has always seen a strong, prosperous and peaceful Europe as fundamentally in its interest; and

WHEREAS, the Consulates General of the Members States of the European Union in Chicago serve as a vital bridge between the EU and the U.S., helping to foster cultural, commercial and people-to-people connections between our two regions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago acknowledges the positive contribution to our region from links to the European Union and from Europeans who now call Chicago home:

NOW, THEREFOR, I, BRANDON JOHNSON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2024, to be EUROPEAN UNION-CHICAGO FRIENDSHIP DAY IN CHICAGO, and convey my warmest congratulations and best wishes to the European Union Member States and their respective communities.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

A blue ink signature of Brandon Johnson, Mayor of Chicago, written in a cursive style.

Mayor