



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

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Dear Friends:

As Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am pleased to extend heartfelt congratulations to the businesses and friends of the LGBT Chamber of Commerce of Illinois on this, its 20th Anniversary and welcome all to *A Night at the World's Fair*.

Established in 1996, the LGBT Chamber of Commerce of Illinois is an organization comprised of small firms, community organizations, institutions, and leaders that provide wide-ranging programs and support services to the businesses of hard-working LGBT residents. Since its inception, the Chamber has been home to a collection of our business community's most innovative and progressive minds. And together with the Board of Directors, every member acts as an ambassador to promote diversity, fairness and inclusion while ensuring that the true spirit of enterprise and sound practices always endures. For 20 years, the LGBT Chamber of Commerce of Illinois has been an organization dedicated to promoting and sustaining successful business models that engage and strengthen Chicago.

This anniversary represents an incredible milestone but it is also a testament to the tireless work of all involved with the Chamber. Even more, it presents a special opportunity for organizations and businesses to continue working together toward a more open and enlightened society where everyone is empowered to live, work, and do business just as they are. I am proud of the LGBT Chamber of Commerce of Illinois' ongoing initiatives rooted in informing and uplifting LGBT entrepreneurs and highlighting LGBT-affirming businesses. I commend the LGBT Chamber of Commerce of Illinois for continuing to broaden the scope of Chicago's businesses and remaining a pillar of our business community.

Again, I offer warm congratulations on this occasion. Please accept my best wishes for much continued success.

Sincerely,

Mayor