OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, established in 1994 by Neli Vasquez-Rowland and Brian Rowland, A Safe Haven LLC has long fortified Chicagoland by coordinating and implementing both supportive and affordable housing programming, treatment initiatives, and job training and job placement services for some of our most determined residents; and

WHEREAS, A Safe Haven is a dynamic organization committed to providing compassionate, competent and professional services that strengthen and support individuals, unite families and build communities throughout Chicago; and

WHEREAS, A Safe Haven Foundation’s housing and case management services are made available to people who are homeless, have been addicted to drugs or alcohol, struggle with mental health issues, or have been incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, honored and recognized many times over by the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, and national agencies and authorities governed by the United States of America, A Safe Haven boasts a 70% rate of sustained sobriety by clients, has served over 55,000 clients, and provides recovery services to over 1,200 individuals daily; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 A Safe Haven Foundation acquired the Chicago Christian Industrial League, shepherding a mission to make a larger impact with housing assistance, substance abuse treatment, effective parenting, job preparation, relapse prevention, and transitional services for independent living; and

WHEREAS, the continued work, reach, and success of A Safe Haven not only reflects the involved efforts of staff and friends but also stands as proof positive of the inspiring resolve of unwavering clients and participants; and

WHEREAS, joined by countless communities from across the nation, A Safe Haven Foundation will host its 4th Annual 5K Run! To End Homelessness in Chicago, Illinois on Sunday, July 13, 2014:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim July 13, 2014 to be A SAFE HAVEN DAY IN CHICAGO in commemoration of this year’s Run! To End Homelessness, and urge all Chicagoans to aid in the ongoing efforts initiated by this innovative organization to make and sustain homes for every resident.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2014.

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Mayor