



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Eritrean-American Community will celebrate the 22nd Anniversary of the Independence of the State of Eritrea on May 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Chicago's Eritrean-American community has contributed greatly to the cultural fabric and demographic landscape of this city; and

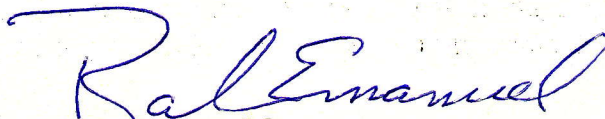
WHEREAS, the Eritrean-American community has made significant contributions to the growth, prosperity and overall development of our city; and

WHEREAS, Chicagoland is home to a vibrant and energetic Eritrean-American community that has undoubtedly added to the arts, business, education, social service, and scientific and technological advancements of this city and its surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the Eritrean-American community will host 2 days of commemorative and thoughtful programming inviting all Chicagoland residents to come together in celebration of this great milestone:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim May 24, 2013 to be ERITREAN-AMERICAN DAY IN CHICAGO, and encourage all Chicagoans to appreciate the contributions of the Eritrean-American community and join with them in celebrating this auspicious day.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2013.


Mayor