



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Poison Center (IPC) was founded in 1953 by pharmacist Louis Gdalan as a free service to Illinois residents dealing with poison exposure; and

WHEREAS, the IPC is a non-profit health service that provides comprehensive information and treatment advice on potentially harmful substances through a 24-hour helpline staffed by specially trained medical experts, including doctors, nurses and pharmacists; and

WHEREAS, the IPC manages more than 80,000 cases every year from across the state, with more than 40 percent involving children five and under and continually works with emergency physicians and hospital staff by recommending treatments for poisoning cases; and

WHEREAS, the IPC provides training to student healthcare professionals in the fields of toxicology and extensive outreach every year to educate the public on its services and how to prevent exposure to harmful poisons; and

WHEREAS, for 65 years, the Illinois Poison Center has been a trusted resource for the public and healthcare professionals and continues to work toward their goal of ensuring that Illinois no longer suffers from the harm and danger of poisoning:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby acknowledge the IILINOIS POSION CENTER for the outstanding achievements of its dedicated workers, past and present and offer sincere congratulations on their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2018.

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

Mayor