



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**CITY OF CHICAGO**

**RICHARD M. DALEY**  
MAYOR

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Chicago's Palmer House will observe its historic 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Palmer House was founded by Chicago business and civic leader, Potter Palmer, and is now owned by Thor Equities, LLC; and

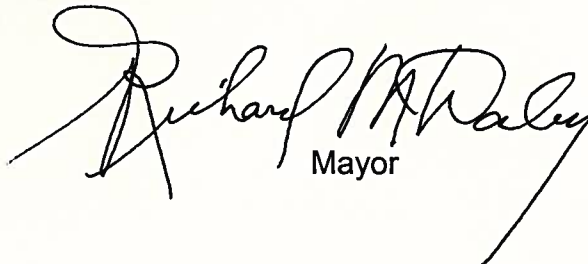
WHEREAS, the Palmer House has been closely identified through the years with the spectacular growth of Chicago, the original building having burned to the ground in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, only thirteen days after its opening; and

WHEREAS, the Palmer House was the first major building to commence reconstruction following the fire, demonstrating the indomitable spirit which characterized Chicago's emergence from the ashes, and stands today as an example throughout the world of the city's legendary hospitality; and

WHEREAS, in respect to this spirit, the City of Chicago, through the Chicago Landmark's Commission, has designated the Palmer House as a cherished landmark:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD M. DALEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim September, 2010 to be PALMER HOUSE MONTH IN CHICAGO and urge all citizens to be cognizant of the important role this hotel has played in the history of our city.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010.

  
Mayor