

A resolution



adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*

Presented by ALDERMAN MARGARET LAURINO on SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

Whereas, Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery have been awarded a grant by the National Trust for Historic Preservation from its Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this significant occasion by the Honorable Margaret Laurino, Alderman of the 39th Ward; and

WHEREAS, Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery is a nonprofit organization established in 2004, in order to promote the historical significance, enhance the beauty and preserve the artistic heritage of Bohemian National Cemetery in Chicago, raising funds for the restoration and preservation of the cemetery, holding regular meetings with educational programs, conducting walking tours of the cemetery, and publishing a quarterly newsletter; and

WHEREAS, The seed grant funds will be used for Phase One of the Cemetery's Restoration of the Ceremony Hall in the Crematorium Building; and

WHEREAS, The domed Ceremony Hall is the showpiece of the Renaissance-Revival style Crematorium Building which was dedicated in 1919; and

WHEREAS, The Hall was painted several times by Bohemian artist John A. Mallin and includes insignia of numerous patriotic and fraternal groups who played significant roles in the Cemetery's history; and

WHEREAS, Phase One is a restoration study that will assess the condition of the decorative painting in the Hall and establish a protocol for its restoration and preservation; and

WHEREAS, "Preservation is improving the lives of everyday Americans by creating jobs and building thriving communities. We are pleased to offer support through the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for this project, which is undertaking the critical work of saving the places that connect us to our shared history," according to Stephanie Meeks, President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this eighth day of September, 2011, do hereby extend our heartiest congratulations to Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery on being awarded a grant by the National Trust for Historic Preservation from its Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors and extend our best wishes for continuing success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery.



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MAYOR

Susana A. Mendez

CITY CLERK