



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
**CITY OF CHICAGO**

**RAHM EMANUEL**  
MAYOR

**PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, up to 40 percent of the approximate 1.6 million youth experiencing homelessness each year in the United States identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or questioning (LGBTQ), yet they make up only 5-7 percent of the general youth population; and

WHEREAS, no youth deserves to be without a home because of their sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago is committed to addressing the unique needs of LGBTQ youth at high risk of or currently experiencing homelessness in our community; and

WHEREAS, everyone holds the potential to make a real difference in the lives of our young people as LGBTQ youth interact with more than just those working in homeless shelters; and

WHEREAS, The True Colors Fund is working to prevent and end homelessness among LGBTQ youth by creating a world in which young people can be their true, authentic selves; and

WHEREAS, "40 to None Day" – recognized April 26, 2017 – is a national day of activism and advocacy stemming from a national movement focused on raising awareness of the collaborative effort to wholly address LGBTQ youth homelessness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2017 to be 40 TO NONE DAY IN CHICAGO in support of LGBTQ youth in Chicago and beyond, and urge all Chicagoans to join in this important effort to eradicate LGBTQ youth homelessness and strengthen our communities.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

  
Mayor