



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

February 4, 2017

Dear Friends:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am pleased to extend warmest greetings to the Vietnamese Association of Illinois, and to all those gathered for the 2017 Tet or Lunar New Year Celebration to commemorate the *Year of the Rooster*.

Established more than 40 years ago in 1976, the Vietnamese Association of Illinois has been an involved organization dedicated to serving and empowering the greater community. Since its inception, the Association has continued to help hardworking residents from all walks of life with through committed volunteer efforts and vital support services. Alongside an array of cultural, health, and economic programming, the Vietnamese Association of Illinois shares and showcases Vietnamese heritage and traditions with all Chicagoans.

The Vietnamese Association of Illinois has hosted the largest Vietnamese-American New Year Festival in Chicagoland for decades. This very special celebration not only marks a new beginning for us all but also promotes unity and camaraderie through cultural exchange. Filled with activities for children and families, the event has continually grown and become a favorite for many residents. Since its earliest days, the City of Chicago has been the proud home of a vibrant Vietnamese American community who has strengthened our neighborhoods and our world-class reputation. From education and the arts to business and government, Chicago's Vietnamese community has made an indelible impact on society. So, as you mark the traditional Tet or Lunar New Year, I am proud to join you in honoring this time-honored tradition, and acknowledging the many accomplishments made by the Vietnamese American community.

I hope you have an enjoyable event, and offer my very best wishes for much continued success.

Sincerely,

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

Mayor