



# City Council Report

**Date:** June 22, 2009  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Christopher J. Brady, City Manager  
**From:** Scott J. Butler, Government Relations Director  
**Subject:** Olympic Day Proclamation for Chicago 2016  
*Citywide*

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of the Council action will be to affirm the Mayor's official proclamation of support for bringing the 2016 Summer Olympic Games to Chicago, Illinois.

## Background

On April 14, 2007, the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) selected Chicago as the U.S. Bid City for the 2016 Games. Chicago is now competing with Madrid, Rio de Janeiro and Tokyo for the honor of being the 2016 Host City. The final decision on which international city will host the 2016 Games will be made in October 2009.

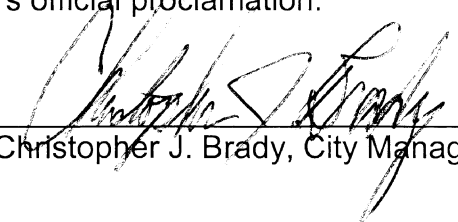
The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) has been working closely with the City of Chicago to help demonstrate widespread American support for Chicago's bid. USCM has requested that cities issue a proclamation of support so that Chicago can package the proclamation together and submit to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) prior to their final site selection.

This proclamation would serve as further evidence of the strong relationship that exists between the Cities of Chicago and Mesa.

## Recommendation

Staff recommends that Council affirm the Mayor's official proclamation.

  
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Scott J. Butler  
Government Relations Director

  
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Christopher J. Brady, City Manager



# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, *for over 100 years, the Olympic movement has built a more peaceful and better world by educating young people through amateur athletics, by bringing together athletes from many countries in friendly competition, and by forging new relationships bound by friendship, solidarity, and fair play; and*
- WHEREAS, *the United States Olympic Committee is dedicated to coordinating and developing amateur athletic activity in the United States to foster productive working relationships among sports-related organizations; and*
- WHEREAS, *the City of Mesa promotes and supports amateur athletic activities involving Olympic and Paralympic sport; and*
- WHEREAS, *the City of Mesa promotes and encourages physical fitness and public participation in amateur athletic activities; and*
- WHEREAS, *the City of Mesa assists organizations and persons concerned with sports in the development of athletic programs for able-bodied and disabled athletes regardless of age, race, or gender; and*
- WHEREAS, *hundreds of cities across the country are joining together to show their support for bringing the Olympic Games to the United States in 2016 in Chicago, Illinois; and*
- WHEREAS, *June 23, 2009, is the anniversary of the founding of the modern Olympic movement, representing the date on which the Congress of Paris approved the proposal of Pierre de Coubertin to found the modern Olympics;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, SCOTT SMITH, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Mesa, Arizona, do hereby proclaim June 23, 2009 as:*

## **OLYMPIC DAY**

*in the City of Mesa and urge all citizens to observe such anniversary with appropriate ceremonies and activities.*

*IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Mesa, Arizona to be affixed this 22nd day of June 2009.*

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*Scott Smith, Mayor*

*Attest:*

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*Linda Crocker, City Clerk*