



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

**BRANDON JOHNSON**  
MAYOR

October 19, 2025

Dear Friends:

As Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I welcome all those gathered for the American College of Chest Physicians (CHEST) as you gather in our city for your Annual Meeting, October 19–22, 2025, marking the 90th anniversary of your distinguished organization.

This year, as you celebrate your 90 years of advancing lung health, the City of Chicago is honored to join you in shining a spotlight on the importance of respiratory wellness. In alignment with Healthy Lung Month, we are proud to recognize your proposal to designate October 19, 2025, as “Love Your Lungs Day” in the City of Chicago. This commemorative day will not only raise awareness of lung health but also honor the dedication of CHEST members and all those who work tirelessly to safeguard the well-being of our communities.

Lung health is an urgent issue. Across the United States, more than 70 million people live with asthma, COPD, or another chronic lung illness. In Cook County alone, nearly 70,000 children and 390,000 adults have asthma, while more than 250,000 residents live with COPD. The toll is even greater among African American communities, who face disproportionately higher risks of asthma and other respiratory diseases. By highlighting lung health through this initiative, Chicago stands alongside CHEST in raising awareness, promoting equity, and supporting health care providers and their patients.

Best wishes for continued success. Have an enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

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Mayor