



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, June Spiezer and her late husband Francis Spiezer collected the largest compilation of Chicago art from the period of 1970-present; and

WHEREAS, June Spiezer selflessly befriended, encouraged and supported Chicago area artists and the local gallery scene throughout her artistic career; and

WHEREAS, The Francis and June Spiezer Collection features over 350 pieces of artwork that ranges from paintings, prints, sculptures, and glass; and

WHEREAS, the collection is focused on the unique styles and visions of Chicago-based Artists giving their artwork exposure nationally and internationally, showing their work to be a major contribution to contemporary art; and

WHEREAS, the collection is located at the Rockford Art Museum; and

WHEREAS, the Rockford Art Museum displays the entire collection every ten years; and

WHEREAS, June and Francis Spiezer started collecting artwork after attending exhibits in the Hyde Park neighborhood in the 1960's; and their collection is one of the most important showcases in existence to demonstrate the quality and range of Chicago art; and

WHEREAS, June Spiezer has a superb eye for discovering artwork which has something to say of the deepest value about life; and

WHEREAS, June Spiezer has a great love for Chicago as a great arts center whose artists have found her to be one of their greatest friends:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2011 to be JUNE SPIEZER DAY IN CHICAGO, and encourage all Chicagoans to recognize her many achievements and contributions.

Dated this 27th Day of September, 2011.


Mayor