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Mayor Proclaims Olympic Day by Proclamation

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH – Warm memories of 2002 burned brightly today as Mayor Becker signed a proclamation recognizing June 23 as Olympic Day in Salt Lake City.

“Salt Lake City residents embraced the Olympics with great pride,” stated Mayor Becker. “Today I sign this proclamation in honor of all those who participated in the 2002 Games through sport, service and spirit. They will always be a part of the Olympic legacy. In 2002, Salt Lake City demonstrated to the world a spirit of community; we hope the same opportunity will be available for Chicago residents as they bid for the 2016 Games.”

At the urging of Chicago Mayor Richard Daley during the U.S. Conference of Mayors held in Washington, D.C. last January, Mayor Becker joined with fellow mayors from across the country in a collective pledge of support for hosting the 2016 Olympic Games in Chicago. Today’s mayoral proclamation sends a clear message to the International Olympic Committee that Salt Lake City and the United States of America support the Chicago 2016 bid for the Olympic Games. An announcement of the site for the 2016 Olympic Games will be made in October of this year.

Olympic Day is a worldwide commemoration of Baron Pierre de Coubertin’s June 23, 1894, convening of the first International Olympic Committee meeting at the Sorbonne in Paris, and the founding of the Modern Olympic Games. National Olympic Committees throughout the world will also participate in the international celebration, with each Olympic Committee sending Olympic Day greetings to participating nations.

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