



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD M. DALEY
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, German U-boat attacks during World War II destroyed millions of tons of cargo and killed thousands of United States Navy Sailors and merchantmen; and

WHEREAS, beginning in May, 1944, Navy Captain Daniel Gallery, a native Chicagoan, led a group of six ships in an effort to find and capture a German U-boat; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1944, with the assistance of fighter planes and after a depth charge attack, the destroyer escort *U.S.S. Chatelain* forced the submerged U-505 to surface off the coast of West Africa; and

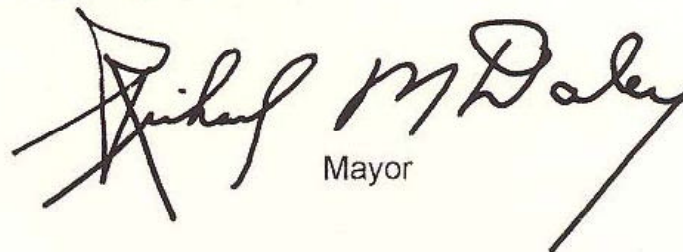
WHEREAS, a volunteer boarding party of twelve men from the *U.S.S. Pillsbury* secured the sinking ship that had been abandoned by its crew, and captured technology and code books that would prove vital to the war effort and help bring a halt to the destruction of Allied ships; and

WHEREAS, Captain Gallery brought the U-505 in 1954 to Chicago as a Naval memorial; and

WHEREAS, a National Historic Landmark, the U-505 currently resides in a new 35,000 square foot underground exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry where visitors can learn about life on a U-boat and experience history first-hand:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD M. DALEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim June 4, 2005, to be U-505 DAY IN CHICAGO, and encourage all Chicagoans to recognize the sacrifices of the men and women of our armed forces, especially those who served in the Atlantic during World War II.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2005.


Mayor