

Chicago Hip-Hop Heritage Month

At A Glance



What is it?

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When is it?

July 1st - 31st Annually (since 2003)



2009 Theme:

And It Don't Stop - *The Movement Continues*



Description:

Chicago Hip-Hop Heritage Month is recognized annually in Chicago during the month of July as a time to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of those who have worked tirelessly and diligently to make Chicago's hip-hop scene one of the world's most diverse, eclectic, politically and socially active.

Deeply rooted in the traditional elements of hip-hop, Chicagoans demonstrate a profound connection to the authentic practices of hip-hop as a youth inspired sub-culture of music, dance, visual arts, and community; And [Chicagoans] are on the forefront of using hip-hop as a tool for social & community activism, and outreach, and developing new strategy for incorporating elements into educational curriculum.

Chicago Hip-Hop Month is a time for the city to celebrate the beauty of hip-hop as a art, and aesthetic.

Purpose:



To recognize, promote, and advocate the aesthetics of hip-hop culture in Chicago as a progressive, artistic, and socially conscious movement.



To celebrate the contributions of those individuals, organizations, and events, that have helped preserve and shape Chicago's rich hip-hop community.



To educate and share with the general public, the orthodox practices of hip-hop as a positive artistic medium of creative self expression; And



To dispel the misrepresentations of hip-hop, revealing the truth about a culture that inspires, uplifts, and empowers young people to aim high



To showcase and demonstrate hip-hop arts throughout Chicago by way of events, forums, films, dialogue, exhibitions of dance, music, visual arts, poetry, and more