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The Chicago Bulls are on the verge of winning their third National Basketball Association championship and we are all very proud of the effort that they have made. Although this is a time of celebration for our City, we know that a small percentage of people may not celebrate the Bull's success but rather use this as an opportunity to cause disruption and engage in violence and other illegal conduct.

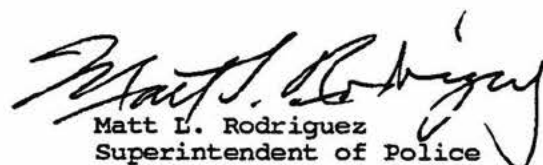
Experience has taught us that we can expect national and international attention to be focused on the City of Chicago during this championship series. To that end it is important that we continue to conduct ourselves in a professional manner.

In order to ensure that people legitimately engaged in celebration are able to demonstrate their enthusiasm without adversely impacting the safety or property of others, we must be mindful of the following considerations:

* Our primary concern is maintaining the safety and security of all members of the community which is consistent with our primary mission to protect life and property.

* Our demeanor has a direct bearing on our ability to control and diffuse potentially dangerous situations. Therefore we must act decisively and quickly when necessary to contain volatile situations and arrest offenders while ensuring that our conduct is professional at all times.

I have often said that this department is the finest police department in the country. This is another opportunity to prove that.


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