

118TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADWA VICTORY:
A CELEBRATION IN CHICAGO



On Saturday, March 1, 2014, Ethiopians and friends of the Ethiopian community will celebrate the 118th Anniversary of the Victory of Adwa at the Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St Louse, in Chicago at 1:00pm. On March 1, 1896, Ethiopian patriotic forces decisively defeated the Italian Colonial Army at Adwa, in Northern Ethiopia. After and before the Battle of Adwa Ethiopia was never colonized by European colonialists. Ethiopia even became the First African Nation to ever win a major battle over a powerful European colonizer.” The Battle of Adwa, known as “The Greatest Colonial Battle in Modern Times,” took place near the 3,000-year-old City of Axum, Ethiopia’s ancient capital.

Adwa was a victory of right over wrong, a victory that shines in a free human spirit. The Ethiopian Victory at Adwa instilled pride in the hearts of Blacks throughout the colonized world; it also inspired dreams of liberation from oppressive European colonizers and strengthened the spiritual bond between Ethiopia and the African Diaspora: Blacks of African descent in America and the Caribbean.

The Ethiopian Community Association of Chicago invites all people, particularly youths of Ethiopian and African heritage, to attend this historical anniversary. We encourage Ethiopians to be mindful of their spiritual and historical bond to the ancient land of Ethiopia. We hope attendees will learn from the special presentation and discussion with Professor Solomon Addis Getahun and the renowned independent veteran filmmaker Professor Haile Gerima, the maker of SANKOFA, HARVEST and others including TEZA; his films have received international commendations. His brand new documentary film entitled “**Children of Adwa: Forty Years Letter**” depicting the Mussolini invasion of Ethiopia in 1935 will be screened for the first time.

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