



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING WORKING BIKES ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Working Bikes, is a nonprofit organization located in the South Lawndale / Heart of Chicago neighborhood in the 7th District of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Working Bikes was established in 1999 by volunteers Lee Ravenscroft and Amy Little with the goal of giving old bikes new homes; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Working Bikes is to give donated bicycles new life by redistributing them as tools of empowerment in local and global communities; and

WHEREAS, nearly 100,000 bicycles have been reclaimed from disuse or the waste stream since Working Bikes was founded; and

WHEREAS, Working Bikes volunteers repair, recycle, and refurbish bicycles to donate them locally and prepare bicycles to donate them internationally; and

WHEREAS, Working Bikes has supported the creation of dozens of bicycle organizations and social enterprises globally, shipping 70,000 repairable bicycles to partners in 20 African and Central American countries for use in job training and economic development; and

WHEREAS, through its Cycle of Peace program, Working Bikes donates hundreds of bicycles each year to children in local schools and partner organizations, giving thousands of youth the freedom and joy of owning a bicycle; and

WHEREAS, through its Cycle of Power program, Working Bikes has partnered with the department of Veteran Affairs (VA), transitional housing, refugee resettlement, and others to empower thousands of Chicagoland adults with access to transportation; and

WHEREAS, Working Bikes has built an inclusive and welcoming community in its shops, giving skill-building opportunities to thousands of volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Working Bikes professional mechanic staff has allowed over 10,000 Chicagoans to purchase affordable transportation and support a mission with local and global impact over the past 20 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the staff, volunteers, and supporters of Working Bikes on its 20th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Working Bikes in honor of its 20 years of noble and impactful accomplishments locally and globally.