

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago strives to be a "Green City" that includes promoting health, nutrition, and lifestyles that are ecologically sustainable; and

WHEREAS, traditional food and farming systems that use pesticides and other chemicals have significant impacts on our health and ecological well-being; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that there are growing environmental and health concerns for the products produced by industrial agriculture; and


WHEREAS, many communities in the City of Chicago are considered "food deserts", with lack of readily affordable fruits, vegetables, and other plant-based foods; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood gardens and Farmer's Markets promote stability and sustainability in communities by teaching residents marketable skills and encouraging healthy and nutritious eating habits; and

WHEREAS, shifting toward plant based agriculture consumption can and will serve the environment; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chicago City Council encourages individuals, civic associations, and community based organizations to grow local, organic gardens, and institutions and businesses to offer more plant based foods; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chicago City Council promotes the expansion of the number of Farmers' Markets, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs, community gardens, and other venues which provide healthful plant based foods.



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