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Title:	Declaration of August 9, 2014 as "Chicago Defender Charities Inc. Bud Billiken® Day" in Illinois
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Resolution

WHEREAS, Chicago Defender Charities Inc. has a long tradition of helping Illinoisans in need through charitable aid such as financial assistance and scholarships to students, and gift baskets to public housing residents during the holiday seasons; and

WHEREAS, for the past 85 years, the Bud Billiken® Parade and Picnic has provided wholesome fun and safe entertainment without charge to thousands of children; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Defender Charities Inc. is sponsoring the 85th Annual Bud Billiken® Parade and Picnic to be held this year on August 9th, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Defender Charities Inc. Bud Billiken® Parade and Picnic has become one of Chicago's most celebrated rites of summer for thousands of children returning to school, and a greatly anticipated event for families throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Defender Charities Inc. has always been committed to the support, encouragement and education of our youth; and

WHEREAS, this year parade theme is "Education: The One Tool You Can Never Lose", which highlights the importance of educating our children; and

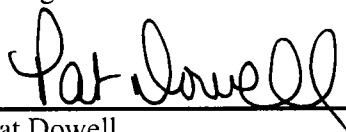
WHEREAS, the Chicago Defender Charities is also recognizing Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their commitment to provide education for African American youth; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Defender Charities will continue the green initiative *Green Team Conservation & Recycling Program* to train, employ and prepare our youth for the emerging green economy; and

WHEREAS, organizations and events such as Chicago Defender Charities Inc. and the Bud Billiken® Parade promote community service and unity, which are vital to the strength and success of communities throughout the Land of Lincoln; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of Chicago gathered here this 30th day of July, 2014, do hereby proclaim August 9th, 2014 as **CHICAGO DEFENDER CHARITIES INC. BUD BILLIKEN® DAY** in Illinois, and urge all citizens to join in the festivities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the Chicago Defender Charities.



Pat Dowell
Alderman, 3rd Ward