



# City of Chicago



R2013-662

Office of the City Clerk

## Document Tracking Sheet

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	7/24/2013
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Dowell, Pat (3)
<b>Type:</b>	Resolution
<b>Title:</b>	Recognition extended to Chicago Defender Charities, Inc., on hosting and Bud Billiken Day Parade for efforts to improve quality of life for African-Americans
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

**A Resolution Honoring the Chicago Defender Charities Inc. and the Bud Billiken Day Parade and Picnic**

WHEREAS, The Chicago Defender newspaper was founded by Robert Sengstacke Abbott in 1905 to help bring awareness to the injustices suffered by African-Americans; and

WHEREAS, The Bud Billiken Day Parade and Picnic has been an annual institution in Chicago since it was started by Mr. Abbott in 1929 to help usher children back to school; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 84<sup>th</sup> year of the parade, which is the largest African-American parade and the second largest parade overall in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Defender Charities Inc. was founded in 1945 and continues the important work began by Robert S. Abbott; and

WHEREAS, In addition to running the Bud Billiken Day Parade and Picnic, the Chicago Defender Charities also has cultural, social, and educational programs designed to improve the quality of life for African-Americans; and

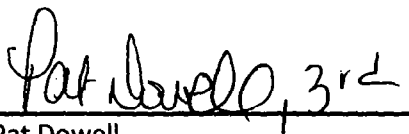
WHEREAS, The programs at the Chicago Defender Charities include a scholarship initiative that has provided \$1.2 million in scholarships to 59 African-American students in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Defender Charities also has a Green Team program for youth that engages them in sustainability initiatives; and

WHEREAS, There are few if any, organizations in the United States that have done more to make a positive difference in the lives of African-Americans than the Chicago Defender Charities Inc., particularly as it relates to the management and hosting of the Bud Billiken Day Parade and Picnic, which is one of the most historically significant annual events in the country; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the City Council of Chicago gathered here this twenty-fourth day of July, 2013 do hereby acknowledge the tremendous history and the important work of the Chicago Defender Charities Inc. and the Bud Billiken Day Parade; and

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

  
Pat Dowell  
Alderman, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward

RECEIVED  
CITY COUNCIL DIVISION  
2013 JUL 19 AM 9:38  
OFFICE OF THE  
CITY CLERK  
