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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	7/24/2013
<b>Sponsor(s):</b>	Fioretti, Bob (2)
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<b>Title:</b>	Recognition extended to Backbones and National Museum of Health and Medicine on "Reinventing the Wheel" photographic exhibition
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

**RECOGNIZING THE "REINVENTING THE WHEEL" PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION**

WHEREAS, On June 29, 2013, BACKBONES, an outstanding eleemosynary organization that provides one-on-one peer support for people with spinal cord injuries and their families, is premiering a noteworthy photographic exhibition titled "Reinventing the Wheel"; and

WHEREAS, The exhibition is the culmination of a project that paired 22 photographers with 22 individuals living with spinal cord injuries with a goal of documenting the incredible abilities of people who are living with such an incapacitating injury, demonstrating such persons can live productive lives and leading to a greater awareness of the vital importance of access to education, employment, and quality health care for these individuals.

WHEREAS, The National Museum of Health and Medicine Chicago, located in the Loop on West Washington Street, is the site of the "Reinventing the Wheel" exhibit. The museum and its founder, Mike Doyle, have been partners with BACKBONES and are instrumental in the success of this project. The exhibition will tour the country with shows in Portland later this year and New York and Los Angeles in 2014; and

WHEREAS, BACKBONES founder and executive director, Reveca Torres, who injured her spine in a car accident at the age of 13, developed this project after viewing depressing images on the internet of people with injuries such as she had looking ill or hopeless. She reasoned that images such as those in this exhibit have great power to change perceptions and attitudes. For the past nine months she has worked with Mike Doyle and the museum to mount this intense and remarkable visual showcase; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert W. Fioretti, Alderman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, has apprised this august body of this praiseworthy photographic project, now therefore

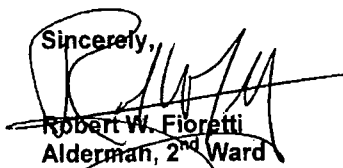
BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City of Chicago City Council, gathered together this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 2013, do hereby congratulate BACKBONES and the National Museum of Health and Medicine on the "Reinventing the Wheel" exhibit and extend our very best wishes for the success of its mission as it tours this nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That suitable copies of this resolution be prepared and presented to executive director of BACKBONES, Reveca Torres, and the National Museum of Health and Medicine Chicago's founder Mike Doyle.

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Sincerely,  
  
Robert W. Fioretti  
Alderman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward