

## City of Chicago



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on 25th anniversary and recognition of July 25, 2018 as "Rogers Park Business Alliance Day" in Chicago

**Committee(s) Assignment:** 

## Resolution Recognizing the 25th Anniversary of Rogers Park Business Alliance

WHEREAS, Chicago is a "City of Neighborhoods" and the unique nature of each neighborhood contributes to the vitality of Chicago as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood chambers of commerce are an essential partner in promoting community identity; and

WHEREAS, Rogers Park Business Alliance acts not only as the local chamber of commerce in Rogers Park, but also as an economic development engine that cultivates and sustains a thriving economic environment, serving businesses and residents alike; and

WHEREAS, Formerly known as DevCorp North, Rogers Park Business Alliance has served Chicago's northeastern-most neighborhood since 1993; and

WHEREAS, Rogers Park has seen significant investment in its commercial areas as a result of partnerships between Rogers Park Business Alliance, local elected officials, community leaders, business owners, and residents; and

WHEREAS, Rogers Park Business Alliance team works tirelessly to pioneer innovative ways to increase commerce in the community and assist local businesses; and

WHEREAS, Rogers Park Business Alliance pursues its mission through a wide variety of programs and initiatives, such GROW, an entrepreneur training program with an "access to capital" initiative, the award-winning farmers market Glenwood Sunday Market, the annual "shop local" holiday campaign Live Love Shop Rogers Park, and Sustainable Rogers Park, which supports local businesses transitioning to sustainable business practices.

WHEREAS, Rogers Park's commercial corridors on Howard Street, Clark/Morse/Glenwood, Devon Avenue and Sheridan Road are served by Special Service Areas 19, 24, 43 and 54 respectively, administered by Rogers Park Business Alliance; and

WHEREAS, The businesses and residents of Rogers Park benefit from Rogers Park Business Alliance's special events, including their annual membership meeting and "Best of Rogers Park" Awards Ceremony in June, Movie in the Park in August, RogersEdge Dinner Crawl in September, Taste of Clark Street in October, Small Business Saturday in November, and quarterly networking events; and

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty fifth day of July, 2018, do hereby recognize Rogers Park Business Alliance for its twenty fifth anniversary of operation – in declaring July 25, 2018 as "Rogers Park Business Alliance Day" in Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That suitable copies of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Rogers Park Business Alliance board and staff.