



# City of Chicago



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**Title:** Recognition extended to Greater Chicago Food Depository  
for eradicating hunger among children in Illinois

**Committee(s) Assignment:**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, no resident of the City of Chicago should have to wonder where the next meal will come from or question the quality of that meal; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a 2013 No Kid Hungry report, 21% of children in Illinois are unsure of when and where they will receive their next meal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Chicago Food Depository recently partnered with Downtown Partners Chicago to create an ad campaign to focus on the newest program to prevent hunger – Rise and Shine Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, launched in the fall of 2014, Rise and Shine provides free breakfast to young children who would otherwise miss the most important meal of the day; and

**WHEREAS**, in the associated website for the program, Downtown Partners Chicago has highlighted that it is difficult for children to focus on learning when they are hungry; and

**WHEREAS**, while free breakfast is provided for all public schools through the National School Breakfast program, the student must ask to receive it; and

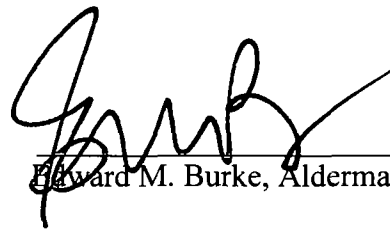
**WHEREAS**, the Food Research and Action Center found that, in 2013, 449,000 Illinois students who were eligible for a free or reduced breakfast did not receive them; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a 2014 Feeding America study, students who regularly eat breakfast score 17% higher on standardized math tests; and

**WHEREAS**, the ultimate goal for this program is to provide breakfast for approximately 38,000 students by the end of the 2015-2016 school year; NOW THEREFORE

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council commend Greater Chicago Food Depository for their hard work and dedication to eradicating hunger among children in Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Greater Chicago Food Depository.



Edward M. Burke, Alderman, 14<sup>th</sup> Ward