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Recognition extended to Miguel and Myra Dominguez for

dedication and compassion to those they serve

**Committee(s) Assignment:** 

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Miguel Dominguez was born on March 1, 1967 and raised in the Humboldt Park community. Growing up in the neighborhood had given Pastor Miguel unique insight into the needs of the men and young boys in this area; and,

WHEREAS, Myra Dominguez was born on April 10, 1963 in Brooklyn, New York. In the 1990's, Myra moved to Chicago where she met Miguel and married on June 14, 1998; and,

WHEREAS, Miguel and Myra raised their children, Hector, Melissa, Bryan and Dana in a loving and spiritual home; and,

WHEREAS, Miguel and Myra Dominguez began their ministry as youth ministers at a Humboldt Park area church in 2003. During their early ministry, the calling to act on a bigger level was so overwhelming that Miguel and Myra founded the Seed of Abraham Christian Fellowship Ministry in January 2005; and,

**WHEREAS,** Miguel and Myra Dominguez held their first service on January 1, 2005 in their living room with five people in attendance. Since then, their congregation has grown considerably; and,

WHEREAS, On November 6, 2011, Miguel and Myra Dominguez opened the doors of Seed of Abraham Christian Fellowship Ministry's new home at 1651-1657 North Karlov Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, Seed of Abraham hosts many events and programs that support and enrich the Humboldt Park community such as their "Harvest Festival," an alternative to Halloween, "Outreach of Love" Thanksgiving Dinner, at which they feed the area's homeless population and distribute food baskets to families in need. During the Christmas season, they partner with Toys-for-Tots, and host a dinner for the children and their families; and,

WHEREAS, Seed of Abraham hosts an annual Back to School and Health Awareness event at which they provide dental and vision screenings, physicals and immunizations that are required for school children, along with providing free backpacks filled with school supplies; and,

WHEREAS, On May 14, 2011, Seed of Abraham began a Women's Health Campaign and Breast Cancer Awareness campaign which is held in partnership with Pin-A-Sister, the Illinois Department of Health, multiple area hospitals, community groups and health clinics; and,

WHEREAS, Seed of Abraham also sponsors the AWANA program for children aged 3 years to 12 years old. The program meets weekly after school and provides positive guidance, self-esteem, promotes community involvement and positive role models; and,

**WHEREAS,** Recently, Seed of Abraham opened their new Youth Arts Program, that explores music, dance, as well as visual arts and crafts. There is a mime team, a praise and worship team, Praise dance team, HOODHOPE, a rap team, where their son, Hector, participates in; and now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013 A.D., do hereby commend Miguel and Myra Dominguez for their dedication and compassion to those they serve; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That suitable copies of this resolution be prepared and presented to Miguel and Myra Dominguez.

Ariel E. Reboyras Alderman, 30<sup>th</sup> Ward