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## **Salaam Restaurant Resolution**

WHEREAS, locally owned businesses are the backbone of our local economy and the foundation of Chicago's unique culture; the original Salaam opened in the 1960's through the 1970's by the honorable Elijah Muhammad and served as catalyst in creating pride in the black community and spurred entrepreneurial efforts;

WHEREAS, in February of 1995 the Salaam Restaurant located at 706 W. 79<sup>th</sup> opened its doors to serve the community with a healthy menu and employ members in a blighted area of Chicago under the guidance of Minister Louis Farrakhan; Salaam created a pleasant safe atmosphere for family outings at a cost of 5 million dollars;

WHEREAS, in the year 2000 the Salaam Restaurant ceased to operate as a restaurant;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan inspired a team of competent, experienced, and dedicated men and women to work towards the reopening of the Salaam Restaurant; after closing, the new remodeled Salaam is more opulent, and will serve as a popular destination in the 17th ward;

WHEREAS, the hard work and perseverance of that dedicated team has culminated into this reopening celebration;

WHEREAS, The Salaam Restaurant will employ workers from the community and provide healthy food, fine dining, and live entertainment; it will be one of the largest minority owned restaurants in Chicago and one of the largest in the country.

WHEREAS, the Salaam Restaurant complex will feature Crescent Bakery featuring homemade pastries and international coffee, Crescent Café featuring traditional American cuisine, Salaam Fine Dining featuring exquisite culinary creations, and the Salaam Ballroom featuring an ornate and luxuriant banquet and reception facilities;

WHEREAS, Salaam Restaurant will be an economic engine for the Southside in general and the 17<sup>th</sup> Ward in particular supporting local suppliers; It will provide job and economic sustainability on the southside of Chicago and serve as a training center for those interested in culinary sciences; it will not only serve Muslim patrons, but is open to every creed, color and religion; it is the palace of the people.

The Salaam will continue to demonstrate the exemplary service and vision of Elijah Muhammad

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO,

ADOPTED: JUNE 27, 2012 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_