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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Enhancing the partnership between Chicago's business community and law enforcement authorities can assist the fight against crime by increasing crime fighting resources, which in turn can help crime prevention and the apprehension of offenders; and

WHEREAS, Our business community can strengthen such a partnership by creating a crime tip reward fund, which would provide financial incentives to encourage people who have witnessed or have important information about a crime to report such information to law enforcement authorities; and

WHEREAS, Such crime tips would help law enforcement authorities to apprehend murderers and other criminal suspects, reduce violent and other crimes, and stop traffic in drugs and arms; and

WHEREAS, Chicago businesses play an important role in the fight against crime, and particularly, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce has a history of spearheading initiatives dedicated to fight crimes; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Chicago would like to encourage Chicago's business community to establish and administer a crime tip reward fund in excess of \$1,000,000.00 to help reduce crime in the City; and


WHEREAS, The crime tip reward fund should be used to pay persons who submit to law enforcement authorities information resulting in the prevention of the commission of crimes or the apprehension of criminal suspects; and

WHEREAS, Working in consultation with our Police Department, Chicago's business community could administer this fund, including determining the type of crimes that will be covered in the program, setting forth the criteria for paying rewards, and paying out rewards; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of the crime tip reward fund will encourage law-abiding residents to be vigilant, and sends a strong message to perpetrators of crimes that our communities have the initiative, money and resources to fight back, and to help the apprehension and prosecution of criminal suspects; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 13th day of February, 2013, do hereby encourage Chicago's business community to create and administer a crime tip reward fund of at least \$1,000,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council Committee on Public Safety is directed to hold one or more hearings to discuss this matter, and to invite representatives of the Department of Police, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and other representatives of Chicago's business community to attend and present their views.


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