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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, the City of Chicago's *Healthy Chicago: A Public Health Agenda for a Healthy City, Healthy Neighborhoods, Healthy People and Healthy Homes* addresses the need for residents to have access to healthy, affordable food to improve public health; and

WHEREAS, funding for food and nutrition programs has failed to keep up with the growing need for food among those in need; and

WHEREAS, the most recent food insecurity data released by USDA in 2011 shows that nearly 49 million are at risk of hunger today in America; and

WHEREAS, at the same time, billions of pounds of food are wasted each year; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, the U.S. Congress has permitted a federal food donation tax deduction to C corporation business taxpayers that donate food product to charities in need across the country; and

WHEREAS, this enhanced deduction was temporarily expanded to non-C corporations, such as small businesses and farmers in 2005, with two-year extensions granted in 2006, 2008, and 2010; and

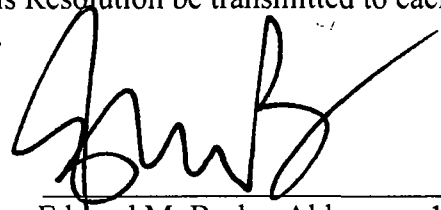
WHEREAS, this enhanced deduction for non-C corporations expired at the end of 2011 and is currently up for permanent reauthorization; and

WHEREAS, this enhanced deduction encourages the donating of excess food to charity, by helping to offset the costs associated with storing and transporting the excess food; and

WHEREAS, permanent reauthorization of the enhanced deduction for non-C corporations is needed to maximize the potential donation opportunity; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council urges the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate respectively, to enact H.R. 3729/S.166 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each member of the Congressional delegation from Illinois.



Edward M. Burke, Alderman, 14th Ward