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**Resolution Honoring Bill Eyring for His Many Years of Distinguished Service
and Naming June 28, 2012 "Bill Eyring Day" in Chicago**

WHEREAS, Bill Eyring is retiring after having represented the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) as Senior Engineer from 1989 - 1996 and again from 2000 - 2012; and

WHEREAS, for over ten years, Bill has led CNT's effort to make green infrastructure the preferred way to manage storm water in the Chicago region, promoting tools such as the Green Values Calculator and the Natural Connections mapping website (www.greenmapping.org); and

WHEREAS, in leading the "Beyond Recycling" wet cleaning studies, Bill created a methodology for non-toxic dry cleaning which led to the birth of the Greener Cleaner in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Governor Pat Quinn once called Bill the "rain garden guy" for the lush rain gardens and bioswales he built from Chicago to Oak Park to Lemont, the result of his passion and expertise in urban and water resource management; and

WHEREAS, almost 100% of those who have worked with Bill will miss their "drive-about" with him in his red Prius, the lack of A/C and heat so as to not lower the gas mileage overlooked by the sporadic prairie stops and the investigation of back corners of massive parking lots, eroded canals in overgrown forests, and abandoned industrial sites; and

WHEREAS, as part of the 49th Ward Green Corps Action Team, in 2008 Bill led coordination efforts of ward residents and kids involvement in creating rain gardens and bioswales at St. Margaret Mary Church and School, as well as in other churches and schools, such as, Our Lady Gate of Heaven and The Al Raby School for Community and Environment, resulting in reduced flooding and education; and

WHEREAS, Bill's stubbornness and tenacity led to greatness on many fronts; one being the design implementation of CNT's parking lot which contains a trench of permeable pavement and a surrounding of native plants; and

WHEREAS, Bill conceptualized and created prototypes of the "prairie square"—a simple way to plant a garden using disintegrating material squares containing native plants: design a garden, lay out the squares, and watch the plants grow; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, Bill designed a cutting edge system resulting in zero water runoff at the Hamilton Lakes development in Itasca, IL; and

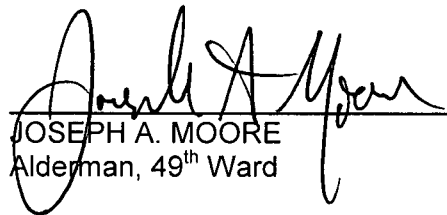
WHEREAS, Bill served on the board of the Chicago Recycling Coalition, an advocacy organization started in the 1980s largely responsible for the demise of the City of Chicago's ill-fated Blue Bag recycling program; and

WHEREAS, Bill, a former resident of Rogers Park, has always contributed his vast knowledge to improving the local community, making it more sustainable and livable; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Joseph A. Moore, Alderman of the 49th Ward, has apprised this august body of Bill Eyring's significant milestones and noteworthy civic achievements; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council gathered together this 27th Day of June, 2012, do hereby salute Bill Eyring for his many of years of distinguished service to greening the Greater Chicago region and proclaim Thursday, June 28, 2012, to be "Bill Eyring Day" throughout the City of Chicago in honor of his efforts to making it more sustainable and livable for all its residents, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and given to Bill Eyring.



JOSEPH A. MOORE
Alderman, 49th Ward