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Economic Opportunity for People with Disabilities

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, historically, the City of Chicago, with the cooperation of other governmental units, has committed to increase the employment of people with disabilities to a rate that is as close as possible to the employment rate of the general adult population; and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that twenty percent of Chicago residents have at least one disability; and

WHEREAS, the unemployment rate for persons with disabilities far exceeds the unemployment rate for persons without disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that seventy percent of all people with disabilities are unemployed;

WHEREAS, there are many qualified persons with disabilities who are unable to obtain competitive employment; and,

WHEREAS, millions of federal and City dollars are invested each year in education, training, supported employment, vocational training and other services related to the employment and training of persons with disabilities in Chicago without any significant gains in the rate of competitive employment for persons with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, there has been a history of barriers to equal employment opportunity for persons with disabilities in Chicago and those barriers continue to exist in the public and the private sectors;

WHEREAS, in 2002, a City-wide Task Force on Employment of People With Disabilities was established by Executive Order 2002-3 to formulate and recommend to the Mayor, policies and programs designed to improve and increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities in both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best social and economic interests of the City of Chicago to expand competitive employment and economic opportunity for persons with disabilities; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chicago City Council shall hereby re-establish the Task Force on Employment and Economic Opportunity for People with Disabilities with the purpose of: (a) developing community and economic development efforts to increase full community integration and economic inclusion of persons with disabilities; (b) promoting partnership between the public and private sectors to increase employment and other economic opportunities for persons with disabilities; and (c) providing to the Mayor and the City Council policy and program recommendations designed to increase employment and economic opportunities for people with disabilities throughout the City, and within city government.

Roberto Maldonado Alderman, 26th Ward

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