



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, SSN Small Business and Nonprofit Development Group (SBND) is financially investing in and training committed start-up entrepreneurs; and

**WHEREAS**, SBND's mission is to provide hands-on strategic organization planning and innovative support and to fund development initiatives in order to start and grow prosperous community enterprises in Chicago, Cook County and Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, SBND believes in entrepreneurialism, citing entrepreneurs' relentless drive to accomplish goals and their tenacious ability to capitalize on opportunities missed by others; and

**WHEREAS**, primarily located in economically distressed communities, these start-up companies are contributing to the economic turnaround of these communities, by creating jobs and through generating tax revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, SBND's network consists of corporations, small businesses and nonprofit community enterprises whose annual receipts range from \$35,000 to over \$1,000,000, and includes a special sector of SBND which is comprised of U.S. veteran entrepreneurs; and

**WHEREAS**, SBND is working to achieve its mission in collaboration with sponsors and supporters such as the following: Presbytery of Chicago's Committee on the Self-Development of People, West Point Missionary Baptist Church, Chicago State University's Illinois Small Business Development Center, Dante L. Mosely, Vice President of Business Development, Hyde Park Bank, University of Chicago's IJ Clinic on Entrepreneurship, Fifth Third Bank-Hyde Park Financial Center, Chicago Bee Branch of the City of Chicago Public Library, Yvonne Orr, United Way, Chief Professional Officer/South-Southwest Suburban Region, Continuing Education Department of Harry S. Truman College, Genesys Unique Kreations, John Porter and Resources Plus.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby express my gratitude to SSN Small Business and Nonprofit Development Group for living up to their faith in entrepreneurs by providing guidance and financial support to these individuals, and do hereby urge all residents, prominent executives and professional executives of Cook County to invest in the success of start-up, small businesses and nonprofit enterprises.

**TONI PRECKWINKLE**, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners