

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago, not unlike all major U.S. cities, has long struggled with rodent control issues that negatively impact public health, quality of life, and urban ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, traditional methods of rodent abatement, particularly the use of rodenticides, have proven insufficient in sustainably reducing rat populations and have caused significant collateral harm to urban wildlife and pets; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Bird Alliance, in collaboration with 43rd Ward Alderman Timmy Knudsen, the Lincoln Park Zoo's Urban Wildlife Institute, and the Department of Streets and Sanitation, has launched a year-long Rat Contraceptive Pilot Study in Lincoln Park using WISDOM Good Bites™, a non-toxic contraceptive food pellet developed by the non-profit WISDOM Good Works; and

WHEREAS, this initiative represents an innovative and humane approach to rodent population control that prioritizes ecological health and aligns with modern public policy trends in wildlife- safe pest management; and

WHEREAS, the pilot will be rigorously monitored by wildlife scientists and municipal officials to evaluate effectiveness and scalability across other wards of the city; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this day, do hereby commend the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Chicago Bird Alliance, Alderman Timmy Knudsen, and their partners for their leadership in launching this Rat Contraceptive Pilot Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Chicago pledges to monitor the outcomes of the pilot with the intent to support its expansion, should the results demonstrate effective rodent population control and reduced harm to non-target species.