

A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*
of the *City of Chicago, Illinois*



Presented by ALDERMAN BURTON F. NATARUS on JULY 26, 2006

Whereas, We designate the tall ships WINDY and WINDY II as the first official Tall Ship Ambassadors for the City of Chicago and promote Chicago as a destination and celebrate its history and role as an inventive economic leader; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago has invested in the renovation of the Navy Pier as a revitalization project for the enhancement and enjoyment of its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Many of the citizens of Chicago can trace their heritage from beyond the sea, by way of their grandparents who plied the open waters - and then with great determination reached our fair land and went on to founding 'the City that works'; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority have negotiated a license agreement since 1995 for the tall ships WINDY and WINDY II, which were built specifically for Navy Pier and City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, WINDY and WINDY II were designed to capture the historic experience of tall ship sailing while incorporating modern safety equipment and design precautions and are fully inspected and certified by the United States Coast Guard, and

WHEREAS, WINDY has a four master American schooner rig and the WINDY II the four masted barquentine rig, not unlike the thousands of tall ships of the last century that traded on the Great Lakes; and they have an international hull with great cabin aft and raise foredeck forward, thus reflecting Chicago's role in world trade; and

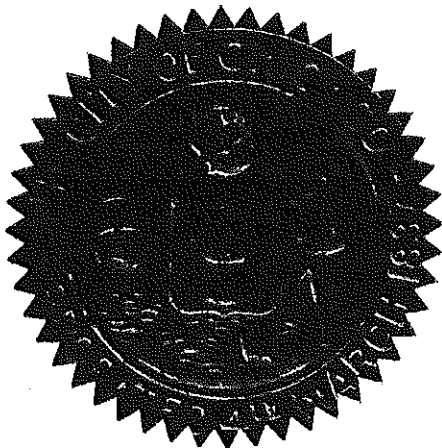
WHEREAS, The WINDY's have functioned to provide authentic tall ship experiences to the hundreds of thousands of people of all walks of life and offers maritime educational programs to over 4,000 school children each year and visit six to ten other ports of the Great Lakes each summer, and


WHEREAS, The vessels are privateers and earn their way requiring no funds from taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate at this time that the WINDY's be designated as our city's official Tall Ship Ambassadors for the purpose of hailing from Chicago, to represent this great city in tall ship events in the Great Lakes and beyond, and to promote Chicago as a destination and celebrate its history and role as an inventive economic leader; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this twenty-sixth day of July, 2006, extend our commendation to the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority for many years of successful operation of Navy Pier and for presenting the tall ships WINDY and WINDY II, which has helped preserve the Chicago maritime heritage and enhances the nautical tradition that has always graced our City's shore. The Members applaud the contributions that the WINDYs have made to the people of Chicago, but also in every port they visit, and hereby designate the tall ships WINDY and WINDY II as Chicago's official Tall Ship Ambassadors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to the Chicago Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.




MAYOR


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