



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago believes that small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the glue that holds communities together; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 28 million small businesses in the United States and small businesses created 65 percent of net new jobs over the past two decades; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, SSN Small Business and Nonprofit Development Group (SBND) is committed to educating, training, and creating revenue streams for dedicated start-up entrepreneurs so that they can grow and contribute to the economic turnaround in communities most affected by the recession; and

WHEREAS, SBND is focused on driving the economy forward with the creation of more self-employment opportunities, and by increasing the amount of legal enterprises and tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, on Monday April 16, 2012, SBND will host their Premier VIP Network Reception and introduce its comprehensive plan to provide strategic organization development education, mentoring support, and financial sponsorship grants to help grow start-up businesses and grassroots non-profit enterprises; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2012 to be SSN SMALL BUSINESS AND NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT GROUP DAY IN CHICAGO.

Dated this 30th day of March, 2012.

Mayor