



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No expenditure is required.

Title

Congratulating Nature's Bakery on its 40th anniversary.

Body

WHEREAS, in 1970, Gini Lopez joined with two other women to found Nature's Own Bakery, which supplied whole wheat bread to the Whole Earth Grocery Co-op on E. Johnson Street; and

WHEREAS, through the 1970s, the business evolved to include a variety of specialized bakers, regular delivery routes, and sales at the Farmer's Market; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, the bakery was incorporated as Nature's Bakery, Ltd. and the storefront at 1019 Williamson Street was purchased; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, the bakery participated in the first collective bakery conference, from which the Cooperative Whole Grain Education Association grew; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, the bakery went through a series of positive changes culminating in its being re-incorporated into its present form as a workers' cooperative; and

WHEREAS, today, Nature's Bakery has eight owner-members, all of whom are involved in the bakery's production and in the management of one area of the business; and

WHEREAS, the cooperative has grown from supplying whole wheat bread to one retailer to supplying many varieties of bread, granola, cookies, vegetarian burgers and calzones to several stores; and

WHEREAS, they produce over 60,000 loaves of bread, 56,000 pounds of granola and 45,000 burgers a year using organic whole grains and locally grown ingredients whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, Nature's Bakery continues to prove itself as a successful alternative business and advocate of the whole food movement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Common Council congratulate Nature's Bakery on its 40th anniversary.