

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 reincorporated 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 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.