## EXTENDING A BIG CHEW CHEW THANK YOU!

In the year Two Thousand Nine
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, for 24 years The Green Mountain Chew Chew Festival has been a cultural attraction in Burlington bringing together the best of Burlington's food and music for broad public enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, the Chew Chew Festival has provided affordable family entertainment and fine food for Burlington residents, visitors, and tourists; and

WHEREAS, over 400 area restaurants have participated in the Green Mountain Chew Chew Festival and have grossed \$3.4 million in 24 years; and

WHEREAS, the event has drawn \$1.8 million in sponsorships from area businesses and media promoting and supporting one of our areas most fun festivals; and

WHEREAS, the Chew Chew Festival started as a small event on St. Paul St. in 1984, its popularity outgrew the space and the Chew Chew became the first festival to be held at our Waterfront Park; and

WHEREAS, the Chew Chew Festival has enlivened Waterfront Park and shown by example how to run a festival at the park and many festivals have followed their lead turning Burlington's Waterfront into a Festival "Mecca"; and

WHEREAS, the Chew Chew Festival literally weathered the storms for 24 years and continued to bring the best food and music Burlington has to offer to Festival goers from Canada and the U.S. and beyond; and

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WHEREAS, after a long successful run, the 2009 Green Mountain Chew Chew Festival

was the last for Burlington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Burlington City Council hereby

recognizes the culinary, financial and cultural contributions the Chew Chew Festival has made to

the City of Burlington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Burlington City Council officially and sincerely

thanks Rick Norcross and all the Chew Chew Festival organizers, sponsors, restaurants,

musicians, and vendors, for their part in weaving the fabric of Burlington's Festival Culture and

making Burlington a summer festival destination point.

lb/kas /c: Resolutions 2009/Chew Chew Festival Thank You to Organizers

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