



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

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MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 300 bicycle messengers working for seventeen companies make an estimated 1.1 million deliveries in Chicago by bicycle per year; and

WHEREAS, delivering goods by bicycle is a solution to Chicago's growing pollution, congestion, and gridlock, helping reduce emissions that contribute to smog and global warming; and

WHEREAS, bicycle couriers provide a valuable service to firms seeking ways to reduce costs and improve their efficiency, delivering goods in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, bicycle couriers endure difficult weather and congested traffic, often working long hours; and

WHEREAS, a major goal of Bicycle Messenger Appreciation Day is to improve the image of an industry to reflect the positive aspects of couriers to balance the stereotyped images the public has and honor them for the difficult job that they do; and

WHEREAS, October 9 of every year is recognized internationally as Bicycle Messenger Appreciation Day:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD M. DALEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2007, to be BICYCLE MESSENGER APPRECIATION DAY IN CHICAGO, and urge all Chicagoans to recognize the contributions these men and women make to the business and commerce of our great city.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2007.

Mayor