

City of Greenfield

Resolution on the International Year of Co-operatives



WHEREAS, Co-operative enterprises help build and sustain a healthy, vibrant economy in Greenfield; promote jobs and enhance the quality of life for those in our community, the state of

Massachusetts, the region of New England, our nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, More than 29,000 co-operatives operate in the United States, generating 2 million jobs, making a substantial contribution to the U.S. economy with annual revenues of \$652 billion and assets of \$3 trillion; and

WHEREAS, More than 500 co-operatives operate in the state of Massachusetts, generating more than \$3 billion in revenue annually, sustaining more than eleven thousand jobs and making a substantial contribution to the Massachusetts economy by paying more than \$580 million in salaries per year;

WHEREAS, Co-operative enterprises have proved resilient during the recent economic recession, sustaining jobs, community infrastructure and alleviating many of the most pressing social issues of our time;

WHEREAS, The United Nations General Assembly Resolution 64/136 on co-operatives in social development proclaims the year 2012 as the International Year of Co-operatives (IYC), with the theme “Co-operative Enterprises Build a Better World”;

WHEREAS, The UN Resolution recognizes that co-operatives promote the fullest participation in the economic and social development of all people and are becoming a major factor of economic and social development and contribute to the eradication of poverty;

WHEREAS, The contribution of co-operative enterprise to our local community deserves acknowledgment, affirmation, and celebration; now, therefore, I, _____ {Mayor or councilor of the City} of Greenfield, do hereby proclaim the year 2012 to be “The International Year of Co-operatives” and do encourage all citizens to recognize and support the co-operative enterprises in our communities.

CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISES BUILD A BETTER WORLD

