

REED-COOKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DCRA PROPOSED RULEMAKING
CONCERNING THE SALE OF SECOND-HAND GOODS**

WHEREAS, in early April 2012, law enforcement officials raided several longtime retail establishments in Adams Morgan that sell vintage and used goods and threatened to close them for not having a second-hand or pawn shop license;

WHEREAS, representatives of the affected businesses met with Ward 1 Councilmember Jim Graham, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs officials, and officials from the Office of Mayor Vincent Gray to try to negotiate a solution that would not result in these small businesses being driven out of the community;

WHEREAS, a solution was reached with DCRA officials, whereby DCRA agreed to suspend enforcement of licensing infractions of these stores until amended regulations governing the licensure of some businesses that sell second-hand goods are adopted;

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2012, DCRA issued a Second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (attached) that exempts businesses with a basic business license that sell certain types of second-hand goods from needing a secondhand business license;

WHEREAS, the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association wishes to support retail business in Adams Morgan;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association supports the proposed rulemaking issued by DCRA on June 8, 2012, and applauds the efforts of business representatives, Councilmember Graham, DCRA officials, and other DC government officials who have worked together to reach a positive and expeditious resolution of this matter.

Approved unanimously on June 14, 2012.