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RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. PERAICA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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THE HONORABLE TODD H. STROGER, PRESIDENT, WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, FORREST CLAYPOOL, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, ROBERTO MALDONADO, JOSEPH MARIO MORENO, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, MIKE QUIGLEY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, George Washington declared, "The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportionate to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their country"; and

**WHEREAS**, when the United States military has been called upon to send forces into harms way, our brave young men and women in uniform have dutifully answered the call to service; and

**WHEREAS**, many of those who have served our nation are residents of our great County of Cook, in the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, many of those who have served this great nation with honor and dignity now find themselves without adequate medical care as a result of funding inequities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is unconscionable for us, as a nation, to ask for United States uniformed military to be willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for freedom, and then allow them to receive substandard medical care upon their return home; and

**WHEREAS**, ensuring that all honorably discharged U.S. veterans have access to the very best medical care available is a small price to pay for the service these men and women give to our nation and the rest of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, today it is more important than ever to ensure that our veterans have access to excellent health care; and

**WHEREAS**, the voters of Cook County, Illinois should be permitted to voice their opinion as to whether the federal government should provide the funding that our veterans need in order to receive the best possible care; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed to be in the public interest to submit this question of policy to the voters of Cook County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

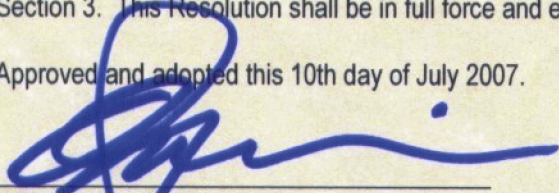
Section 1. The following question of public policy shall be submitted to the voters of Cook County as an advisory referendum at the primary election scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2008, consistent with the Illinois Elections Code; to wit;

*"Shall the federal government be required to adopt mandatory full \_\_\_\_\_ of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of ensuring that all eligible honorably discharged U.S. veterans receive quality and accessible healthcare and related services?"*

Section 2. This advisory referendum shall be conducted in accordance with provisions of the Illinois Election Code pertaining to the conduct of the primary election scheduled for February 5, 2008.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

Approved and adopted this 10th day of July 2007.



ANTHONY J. PERAICA  
Commissioner, 16th District



TODD H. STROGER, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners