

**Proposed Substitute- Criminal Justice Committee Item #15-3794**

**Resolution Urging All Units of County and Municipal Law Enforcement to Communicate and Coordinate with the Cook County Sheriff's Police to Address Issues Related to the Practice of "Stop and Frisk," by Reviewing the Policies of the Sheriff Related to Motor Vehicle Stops, Searches and Seizures, Supervisory Rank and Responsibility, and Detentions**

Sponsored by: Richard Boykin, County Commissioner

**WHEREAS**, despite the fact that the nation's attention has turned to police practices because of high profile killings, concerns about policing extend beyond the use of force and into the everyday interactions of police with community members; and,

**WHEREAS**, in black and Latino communities, these everyday interactions are often a "Stop and Frisk"; and,

**WHEREAS**, under the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Terry v. Ohio, 392 U.S. 1 (1968), officers are allowed to stop you if the officer has reasonable suspicion that you have been, are, or are about to be engaged in criminal activity. Once you are stopped, if an officer has reasonable suspicion that you are dangerous and have a weapon, the officer can frisk you, including ordering you to put your hands on a wall or car, and running his or her hands over your body; and,

**WHEREAS**, a report on "Stop and Frisk" police practices by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Illinois, published this past Spring, contains troubling signs that the Chicago Police Department has a current practice of unlawfully using stop and frisk; and,

**WHEREAS**, "Stop and Frisk" is disproportionately concentrated in the black community. Last month's ACLU Report found that black Chicagoans were subjected to 72% of all stops, though they constitute just 32% of the city's population; and,

**WHEREAS**, the ACLU of Illinois, comparing stops to population, found that Chicagoans were stopped more than four times as often as New Yorkers at the height of New York City's stop and frisk practice; and,

**WHEREAS**, the abuse of stop and frisk is a violation of individual rights, but it also poisons police and community relations and directly impacts the bottom line for Cook County taxpayers by leading to arrests that would not have otherwise occurred, thereby burdening Cook County Courts and the Cook County Jail; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Sheriff operates pursuant to four specific policies that govern the procedures of the Cook County Sheriff's Police related to "stop and frisk," which includes best practices for Law Enforcement; and,

**WHEREAS**, all units of county and local government stand to benefit by exchanging information regarding best practices;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Cook County President and the Board of Commissioners that all units of county and municipal law enforcement throughout the County of Cook be urged to review the above-referenced policies of the Cook County Sheriff's Police, and to consider adoption of the above-referenced policies as best practices in the implementation of the procedure known as "Stop and Frisk."