



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**New Items Agenda**

**Thursday, April 27, 2023, 10:00 AM**

**Third Set**

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**Sponsored by:** KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ETHAN’S LAW**

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2022 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Report, more than 1 million guns were stolen from private citizens from 2017 to 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, a study published by the American Journal of Public Health in 2018 reported that over half of all of gun owners do not properly lock all their guns away; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2015 study reported in Journal of American Medical Association estimated that roughly 4.6 million children live in a home with loaded and unlocked firearms; and

**WHEREAS**, according to research funded by the National Institute of Justice, over 80% of mass shooters at K-12 schools stole guns from family members; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2019 study reported in JAMA Pediatrics demonstrated that nearly a third of youth suicides and unintentional deaths could be prevented by securing all firearms within a household; and

**WHEREAS**, properly securing all firearms is a safe practice that prevents access to unauthorized individuals or minors; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County supports legislation that would mandate safe firearm storage; and

**WHEREAS**, Ethan’s Law was recently proposed in the Illinois Senate as Senate Bill 1521; and

**WHEREAS**, under Ethan’s Law, gun owners would be required to secure any firearms on the premises in a “secure gun storage or safety device” or “in a location that a reasonable person would believe to be secure” if a minor is likely to gain access to the firearm without permission, or if a resident of the dwelling cannot legally possess a firearm under existing law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Cook County supports Ethan’s Law and the safe storage of firearms, and urges Illinois state legislators to progress and support Ethan’s Law in 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Governor of Illinois, the Illinois Senate President and Minority Leader, the Illinois House Speaker and Minority Leader, and to the members of the Illinois Executive Committee.

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**Sponsored by:** ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**REQUESTING A HEARING OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE FOR AN UPDATE FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFEGUARDS FOR THE PROTECTION OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE SURVIVORS**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has taken a stance to work towards the full protection of domestic violence and gender-based violence survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has voted to ensure that adequate funding is available to improve and streamline operations, increase efficiency, and provide accurate information in the criminal justice system, all with the goal of ensuring the public safety of the residents of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the processes in the criminal justice system are important to the day-to-day operations of the criminal justice system and are heavily relied on for the safety of victim-witnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent news, there were reports of major discrepancies within the processes that led to serious, life-threatening injuries to a survivor; and

**WHEREAS**, it remains our duty to do everything in this Body's power to work with other Cook County stakeholders to ensure the public safety of every resident in the County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a hearing be convened to update the Board of Commissioners on the implementation of safeguards for the protection of gender-based violence survivors, particularly updates on:

- The procedure of information sharing between departments and/or agencies.
- The challenges faced since the beginning of the implementation of the case management system that may cause confusion or miscommunication between departments and agencies.
- The dependency of the Cook County criminal justice system on physical documents or documents that are handled manually.
- The procedures of how discrepancies in these documents are handled.
- The recommendations that the department and/or agency suggests to prevent any life-threatening discrepancies/errors in the processes.
- The safeguards in the department and/or agency that have been in place to ensure the safety of gender-based survivors.
- Other suggested safeguards to implement and potential challenges in their implementation.

