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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR A HEARING ON CHICAGO AND COOK COUNTY'S WORKFORCE PREPAREDNESS FOR THE ADOPTION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

WHEREAS, in recent years, the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and generative AI has become essential in the economy and workforces across the globe, with a Pew Research Center study citing 62% of adults interact with AI on a weekly basis and as many as 70% of teens reported using AI; and

WHEREAS, the successful implementation of AI in workplaces and beyond has enormous potential for streamlining operations, improving workflow and process automation, and building decision support systems; and

WHEREAS, AI has many key applications outside the workplace, including automating mundane tasks, utilizing technology like "smart" home devices and virtual assistants, and use of generative AI tools; and

WHEREAS, in order for the potential benefits of AI to be realized, it is critical that public and private entities have preparedness plans for its implementation, draw from insights and best practices, and create opportunities for proper training and educational tools for employees as AI evolves in workplaces; and

WHEREAS, it is also imperative that members of the general public have access to AI educational tools and training to learn new technology and enhance their professional skills.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, a hearing on Chicago and Cook County's Workforce Preparedness for the Adoption of Artificial Intelligence be conducted in the Workforce, Housing and Community Development Committee at the March Committee meeting, or as otherwise scheduled by the Chair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, strategic partners and thought leaders in the AI space, as well as key partners in the local economic and workforce development, shall be invited to attend the hearing, including but not limited to representatives from Microsoft, Google, City Colleges of Chicago, the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership and the Chicagoland Workforce Funders Alliance.