

**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE TO 18-2671
(Finance Committee 5/16/2018)**

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**ESTABLISHING A FOUNDATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE
OF COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-6021 the Sheriff shall be conservator of the peace in his or her county, and shall prevent crime and maintain the safety and order of the citizens of that county; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff manages and operates the Cook County Department of Corrections, located at 2700 S. California, Chicago, Illinois, 60608 ("CCDOC"); and

WHEREAS, the CCDOC is the largest single-site and consolidated detention facility in the country, housing and providing essential needs and services to approximately 10,000 inmates per day, with upwards of 100,000 inmates processed through CCDOC annually; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has emphasized the importance of mental health and substance abuse treatment for detainees, in addition to educational and job skills programming in CCDOC and reentry planning to benefit detainees post-release; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has expanded the Office's advocacy role in many ways to positively impact Cook County, including overhauling Cook County's approach to foreclosures and evictions, and working with criminal justice stakeholders to address issues impacting the Cook County Jail population; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is also responsible for all security and maintenance at the 14 court facilities located throughout Cook County, staffed by the CCSO Court Services Department; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Police Department provides police services in unincorporated areas of Cook County and several suburban municipalities, and also assists the Chicago Police Department and many other municipal police departments; and

WHEREAS, in order to assist the Sheriff's Office in furtherance of its expansive missions, supportive members of the community incorporated a non-profit charitable Foundation in the State of Illinois for the benefit of the Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Sheriff's Office Foundation will achieve not-for-profit status for the purpose of accepting charitable contributions in the form of financial, property, or other donations appropriate to and in support of the mission of the Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Foundation is to support the Sheriff's Office of Cook County, Illinois in its mission, including but without limitation to providing services and programming to individuals in the custody of the CCDOC and alternative sentencing programs, to providing services to the community by and through the Cook County Sheriff's Police and/or Court Services Department, and to support additional policy initiatives within the Sheriff's mandate; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation will serve to maintain and strengthen the Sheriff's Office's role improving the quality of life for Cook County residents and CCDOC detainees; and

WHEREAS, the meaningful engagement of prominent, spirited citizens who are active in civic life, will advance the purpose of the Foundation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County Sheriff has established a five-member Founding Board for the Foundation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sheriff, the President of Cook County, and the Board of Commissioners support the creation of the Foundation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Founding Board of the Foundation shall create a Board of Directors, develop by-laws, to include the criteria for an executive director, and develop the articles of governance conducive to the not-for-profit status in keeping with the mission of the Foundation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Foundation shall operate independently in supporting the Sheriff's mission as is stated herein.