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**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Veterans Committee**

**11:30 AM**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020**

**Cook County Building, Board Room  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Johnson, Miller, Arroyo, Daley, Lowry, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

**Absent:** Deer (1)

**Also Present:** Britton, S. Morrison, Sims and Silvestri

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Chairman Johnson asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.**

1. George Blakemore - Concerned Citizen

**20-1415**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 7/24/2019

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Miller, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, to approve 20-1415. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Johnson, Miller, Arroyo, Daley, Lowry, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

**Absent:** Deer (1)

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**20-1233**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, BRANDON JOHNSON, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN, DONNA MILLER and BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CONDEMNING PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S ESCALATION OF HOSTILITIES IN IRAN**

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States of America, Donald Trump, has engaged in behavior that can be recognized as an act of war without consulting with Congress, as required by The War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. § 1541 et seq.) before engaging another nation militarily and introducing United States troops into harm's way; and

**WHEREAS**, the President should consult with Congress "in every possible instance" before initiating an act of war or engaging in conduct that is recognized as an act of war; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress has not authorized the President to use military force against Iran; and

**WHEREAS**, President Trump's escalation in Iran has led the United States of America into an unjustified armed conflict, and puts the lives of American troops and millions of innocent civilians both abroad and in the United States at risk; and

**WHEREAS**, the American people and members of the United States Armed Forces deserve a credible explanation regarding the United States' use of military force against Iran; and

**WHEREAS**, we have a moral obligation to do everything necessary to protect our soldiers and promote efforts that lead the United States of America toward peace rather than war;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board President and the Board of Commissioners urge President Trump to work with Congressional members, per the War Powers Resolution, toward de-escalation with Iran; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that** Cook County firmly supports Congressional measures necessary to curb President Trump's escalated conflict with Iran; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cook County Clerk deliver a suitable copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States and the Illinois Congressional delegation.

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**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Miller, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to recommend for approval 20-1233. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Johnson, Miller, Arroyo, Daley, Lowry, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

**Absent:** Deer (1)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Johnson, Miller, Arroyo, Daley, Lowry, Suffredin and Tobolski (7)

**Absent:** Deer (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

A video recording of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.