



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC) PROGRAM (PROPOSED RESOLUTION). Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by Larry Suffredin, County Commissioner.

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#### **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC) PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) participates in the Illinois Department of Human Service's Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Services Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the WIC program is an important pre- and post-natal assistance program that helps pregnant women, new mothers and young children to eat well and stay healthy; and

**WHEREAS**, WIC services include the provision of supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk; and

**WHEREAS**, WIC is widely recognized as a critical building-block in improving infant mortality rates and fostering healthier children; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has administered WIC programs for over two decades, serving approximately 20,000 people at eleven sites; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the people serviced are also CCHHS patients for other services; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has a contract with the Illinois Department of Human Services to provide the WIC program; and

**WHEREAS**, that contract is set to expire on June 30, 2011; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Health and Hospitals Committee of the Cook County Board of Commissioners hold a hearing to determine if Cook County should continue to implement the WIC program in Cook County.