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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF CYBERSECURITY IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, cyber crime continues to be an issue of concern to local governments across the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the average organizational cost associated with cyber crime was $8.9 million, with expenses ranging from $1.4 million to as much as $46 million; and

WHEREAS, the cyber crime success rate increased roughly forty-two percent from 2011 to 2012; and

WHEREAS, employee cyber security training and education substantially reduces cyber crime success rates; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government recognizes the importance of protecting its critical technological resources from cyber crime; and

WHEREAS, the County is making technological resource security a top priority; and

WHEREAS, the County relies on cyber technologies to meet President Preckwinkle's mandate of innovative leadership, transparency and accountability, improved services, and fiscal responsibility to all County residents; and

WHEREAS, the County's critical infrastructures use the internet to sustain core business practices, transportation, health care and emergency management structures as well as other areas; and

WHEREAS, investment in cyber security infrastructure is an invaluable component of Cook County's homeland security and emergency management and the County recognizes the need to combat the challenges posed by cyber crime with cyber security training.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that, in conjunction with Cyber Security Awareness Month, all personnel employed within the Cook County Office of the President receive cyber security training in compliance with nationally recognized standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such training be provided by and through the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Cook County Bureau of Technology and that both the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Bureau of Technology stand ready to work with other Cook County entities to assist in cyber security policies and practices.