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WHEREAS, the opiate/heroin crisis in Illinois calls for practical public health and public safety solutions, including broad-based and coordinated prevention, intervention, and treatment strategies, and

WHEREAS, Cook County, as with the whole region, has a growing opiate/heroin addiction problem; WHEREAS, opiate/heroin addiction costs Cook County millions of dollars in healthcare and public safety spending yearly; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Corrections processes 200-300 individuals per day, houses over 8,000 detainees at any given time, and sees more than 100,000 admissions per year; and

WHEREAS, seventy-four percent (74%) of these detainees screen positive for various types of drug use, and

WHEREAS, the Cermak Health Services manages over 500 opiate/heroin detoxes a month; and

WHEREAS, many detainees have multiple opiate/heroin detoxes in a year after multiple admissions; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Health and Hospital System treats opiate/heroin addiction cases on a daily bases; and

WHEREAS, Cook County as a leader in healthcare and public safety can establish cost effective treatments for opiate addiction; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1, which was recently introduced in the Illinois General Assembly, is the result of a statewide legislative task force that has studied opiate/heroin addiction and treatment options; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1 would require increased resources and training for responding to opiate/heroin overdoses and addiction; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of methods to treat opiate/heroin addiction including FDA-approved medications to those with opiate/heroin addiction; and

WHEREAS, a variety of behavioral therapies can be effective at treating opiate/heroin addiction when combined with appropriate medications, and

WHEREAS, it is critical to understand that opiate/heroin addiction is a treatable disease.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a meeting of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee be convened to discuss the cost of opiate/heroin abuse on the health and well-being of Cook County Citizens and the impact on the Cook County Criminal Justice System and Cook County Health and Hospital System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that a representative of the Cook County Sheriff and the Cook County Health and Hospital System present testimony on the cost and treatment options for opiate/heroin addiction at the Cook County Jail and the John Stroger Hospital Emergency Room; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that testimony should be presented at the Committee hearing in regard to the manner in which opiate/heroin affects the brain and the resultant behavior and the role that pharmacological interventions play in the treatment of opiate/heroin addiction and cost effective treatment.

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