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SUPPORTING A REVIEW OF COOK COUNTY POLICIES AND PRACTICES IN LIGHT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD AND THE GLOBAL STUDY ON CHILDREN DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY

WHEREAS, research shows that children prosecuted in the adult criminal justice system are more likely to reoffend than those held in the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, until the beginning of the 20th century, courts tried children under the age of 18 in adult settings; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to the world's first juvenile justice system, which arose from the belief that children should be removed from adult prison and receive a second chance; and

WHEREAS, Cook County consistently leads on protecting children and promoting their rights; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, the United States participated in a working group along with the nearly eighty other nations that drafted the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 1989, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child, with the specific purpose of promoting and protecting the well-being of all children, regardless of national boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Convention on the Rights of the Child has been ratified by all U.N. nations, except the United States, making it the most widely ratified human rights document in history; and

WHEREAS, the United States formally signed the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1995, signifying its intent to ratify the Convention; and

WHEREAS, November 20, 2019, marks the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2019, the United Nations will receive the first international report on the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty along with updated recommendations on when and under what conditions children should be detained and deprived of liberty; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is committed to continuing its global leadership in promoting justice for children and adolescents, ensuring that all its children receive every internationally recognized human right; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we call upon all government agencies in Cook County, in particular, those concerned with juvenile justice, to review their policies and practices in light of the recommendations of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty.

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