



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF A MANDATORY FLY-QUIET PROGRAM AT O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

WHEREAS, the O'Hare Modernization Project includes Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) changes to landing and take-off patterns, shifting airplane traffic previously arriving from many directions into landing and take-offs from only two directions, east and west; and

WHEREAS, certain communities on the Northwest Side of the City of Chicago and nearby suburbs reside underneath the key nighttime air routes, including five glide paths and two major take-off plates, which converge over the community and are used after 10 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, these communities seek a solution to the nighttime sleep interruptions during the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., including the shoulder hours; and

WHEREAS, this concentrated increase in airplane traffic will negatively impact the health and quality of life for residents and businesses on the Northwest Side of Chicago and the Northwest Suburbs; and

WHEREAS, nearly all of these communities predate O'Hare's conversion to a commercial airport in the 1950s.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby urge the FAA and O'Hare Airport authorities to consider and seek to establish a mandatory fly-quiet program, use all existing and new runways to better distribute air traffic, devise a neighborhood-based plan, and conduct a supplemental Environmental Impact Study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.