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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.