



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE FOR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES

WHEREAS, the Cook County Sheriff's Office is the second largest in the United States, with over 6,900 members; and,

WHEREAS, the Cook County Sheriff's Office divides its operations by task into eight departments, the most recognizable of which is the Cook County Sheriff's Court Services Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department provides traditional police services in unincorporated and select areas of Cook County while the Department of Corrections staffs the Cook County Department of Corrections; and,

WHEREAS, all Cook County Sheriff's Deputies have Police Powers regardless of their particular job function or title; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Police can provide all traditional law-enforcement functions, including county-wide patrol and investigations irrespective of municipal boundaries, even in the city of Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2015, the Sheriff deployed its Mobile Command Center and more than 70 Police to the Austin Community in the city of Chicago to provide local law enforcement at the request of this Commissioner, due to published reports of the murder rate soaring in Austin; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of professionalism, diligence and tireless efforts the Sheriff Police has successfully recovered and removed over a dozen illegal guns of the streets through its community policing initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, that the Board on behalf of the residents of the Austin Community and the 5.2 million residents of Cook County salute the Cook County Sheriff's Police for exemplary performance of community policing duties and reinforcement patrols, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for reducing violence and ensuring public safety, in the Austin community of the 1st District of Cook County that has been terrorized by senseless gun violence; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Sheriff Tom Dart as a token of our appreciation and esteem.