



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CALLING ON THE HONORABLE BARACK OBAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO CONVENE A WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO ON THE ISSUE OF GUN VIOLENCE**

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 2015, Reverend Jesse Jackson and community leaders joined together to call on the President of the United States to convene a White House Conference on Gun Violence in the City of Chicago at the earliest possible opportunity; and,

**WHEREAS**, Chicago has seen more than 2,400 shootings to date in the year 2015 and more than 400 murders to date in the year 2015; and,

**WHEREAS**, compared to this time last year, shootings and homicides in Chicago have increased by 21 percent; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County resources required in order to serve the populations impacted by the increase in shootings in Chicago make the problem of gun violence germane and critically important to the governance of Cook County and the work of the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, has spoken eloquently in the aftermath of mass shootings throughout our country, on the need for government action to reduce gun violence; and,

**WHEREAS**, our nation has been shocked and dismayed in recent years by the proliferation of mass shootings in American communities such as Sandy Hook, Connecticut; Charleston, South Carolina; Aurora, Colorado; and, Roseburg, Oregon, among others; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the City of Chicago, the number and frequency of shootings are such that Chicago suffers the equivalent of a mass shooting every week without respite; and,

**WHEREAS**, the level of violence in the City of Chicago merits the attention of the federal government, in addition to municipal, county and state government; and,

**WHEREAS**, the time has long since passed for public officials at all levels of government to acknowledge that a state of emergency exists in Chicago and Cook County and for those officials to treat the issue of gun violence with the level of urgency the issue most certainly requires;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do call upon the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, to convene a White House Conference to be held in Chicago on the issue of gun violence; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a signed copy of this resolution be sent to the attention of the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, at the earliest possible opportunity.