

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLACK COUNTY OFFICIALS' 32ND ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the National Organization of Black County Officials (NOBCO) was established in 1982, as a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization to provide resources to empower and develop vulnerable populations into stronger, viable, sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS, NOBCO supports service to counties and communities of black elected and appointed county officials throughout the United States by providing education, training, and a clearinghouse of best practices in government; and

WHEREAS, the primary focus areas of NOBCO are health equity, public safety, civil rights, economic development, social justice, and environmental justice; and

WHEREAS, to further its cause and mission, NOBCO holds an annual Economic Development Conference, which serves as an essential forum for county officials, business leaders, government officials, and community service providers to learn about innovative and progressive ideas, strategies, and programs; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and the Illinois Counties Association (ICA) will proudly serve as the official co-host of the NOBCO 2016 - 32nd Annual Economic Development Conference, titled *"Leveling the Playing Field: The Impact of Criminal Justice, Education, Health and Economics"*, which will take place April 20th through April 24th, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, located at 2233 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, with the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of Chicago serving as the backdrop for NOBCO's 32nd Annual Economic Development Conference, Cook County's selection as co-host will undoubtedly generate strong attendance, inspire new partnerships, and greatly contribute to the future economic vitality of our county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do herby recognize and express Cook County's commitment to co-host the NOBCO 2016 - 32nd Annual Economic Development Conference and to provide vital assistance and resources to ensure its success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that under the leadership of the Bureau of Administration, various Cook County departments and agencies will collaborate with NOBCO and the ICA, to plan, coordinate, staff, and otherwise support activities and special events for the NOBCO 2016 - 32nd Annual Economic Development Conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bureau of Administration, and the Director of Real Estate Management shall be further authorized to offer the utilization of County Facilities for special events for the NOBCO 2016 - 32nd Annual Economic Development Conference, if necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby acknowledge and commend NOBCO for its continued positive impact throughout the United States and express County County's sincere honor and gratitude to co-host the NOBCO 2016 - 32nd Annual Economic Development Conference in Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to NOBCO in expressing Cook County's well wishes for a successful 32nd Economic Development Conference.