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RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

September 8, 2011

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith a resolution concerning the Healthy Chicago Program.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On August 16, 2011, Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) Commissioner Bechara Choucair, M.D., released *Healthy Chicago*, the City’s first comprehensive public health plan; and

WHEREAS, A blueprint for aggressive action, *Healthy Chicago* is intended to serve as a framework for CDPH to lead and to work with city departments and agencies, healthcare providers, community organizations and business groups to address issues vital to improving the health and well-being of all Chicagoans; and

WHEREAS, *Healthy Chicago* identifies twelve priority areas to guide the work of CDPH over the next five years: tobacco use; obesity prevention; HIV prevention; adolescent health; cancer disparities; heart disease and stroke; access to health care; healthy mothers and babies; communicable disease control and prevention; healthy homes; violence prevention; and public health infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, *Healthy Chicago* is consistent with CDPH’s core mission and public health function; and

WHEREAS, *Healthy Chicago* recognizes that improved public health in Chicago requires a commitment to health equity and to the elimination of racial and ethnic disparities in health and health care; and

WHEREAS, *Healthy Chicago* is predicated on the belief that a healthy city requires healthy neighborhoods, and that healthy neighborhoods strengthen the social fabric by ensuring that the basic needs of individuals and families are met; and

WHEREAS, The public health system has a direct impact on the quality of life of all Chicagoans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 8th day of September, 2011, do hereby direct the City Council Committee on Health and Environmental Protection to hold an informational hearing on *Healthy Chicago*, and to invite CDPH Commissioner Bechara Choucair, M.D., to testify at such hearing.