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ORDINANCE**

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**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT
AND JERRY BUTLER AND ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AMENDMENT TO THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, pursuant to ordinance, the Board of Commissioners organized and constituted itself as the Board of Health of the County and established the Cook County Department of Public Health("Department"); and

WHEREAS, the Department is subject to the control of the Board of Health and the direction of the Chief of Health Services of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System ("Health System"); and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Board of Commissioners adopted an Ordinance Establishing the Cook County Health and Hospitals System ("Health System") and included the Department as part of the Health System; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Ordinance establishing the Health System charged the Health System to perform, through the Department, essential services of a local public health authority as provided in the Cook County Board of Health Ordinance, Sections 38-26 through 38-40 of the Cook County Code, other Cook County Ordinances imposing duties upon the Department, and the regulations of the Department promulgated there under; the Department of Public Health Act, 20 ILCS 2305/1 et seq.; the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, 20 ILCS 2310/2310-1 et seq.; and as further detailed in regulations promulgated by the Illinois Department of Public Health under the Certified Local Health Department Code, 77 Ill. Adm. Code 600.110 et seq.; provided, however, that the County Board shall continue to serve as the Board of Health of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Health System's consultant, PricewaterhouseCoopers, the Department began a nine (9) month strategic planning process in August 2010 to develop a five (5) year strategic plan to guide the Department in responding to upcoming changes in the health care field and in providing high quality public health services to Cook County residents in an efficient and cost effective manner; and

WHEREAS, in developing the strategic plan the Department sought input from its operation leaders, staff and community stakeholders, gathered external data from five major metropolitan health departments, and conducted a review of the leading public health practices in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Department developed goals to: become a leader of public health in Cook County; improve the health status of Cook County residents; become an accredited public health department; improve the quality of public health services provided; and strengthen the Department's organizational capacity; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the strategic planning process the Department developed a new mission to reflect the goals included in the strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2011, the Health System Board of Directors requested that the County Board of Commissioners, as the Board of Health for Cook County, adopt the Department's new mission as derived from the strategic plan and that the Board of Commissioners amend the ordinance to reflect the new mission of the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 38 Health and Human Services, Article II Board of Health, Section 38-28 of the Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

Section 38-28. Mission and policy.

It is the mission and policy of the Board through the activities of the Department as described in this article to optimize health and promote health equity for all people and communities of Cook County through leadership and appropriate collaborations between County, local, state and federal officials, as well as private health promoting institutions, focusing on health promotion and disease prevention, while advocating for the environmental and social conditions necessary to advance physical, mental and social well-being.

Approved and adopted this 14th day of June 2011.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk