RESOLUTION TO ADOPT HEALTHY CHICAGO 2025 AS CHICAGO'S COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, all Chicagoans deserve the opportunity to live healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, Chicagoans have inequitable health outcomes based on race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender, geography, and other variables; and

WHEREAS, fostering healthy communities with equitable health outcomes requires the engagement of a wide array of stakeholders, not just local health departments; and

WHEREAS, community health is determined not merely by each individual's health care but also by social factors such as housing, education, and economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Illinois administrative code requires local health departments to complete a community health assessment and community health improvement plan, known as IPLAN, at least once every five years as part of their certification process; and

WHEREAS, national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board requires completion of a community health assessment and community health improvement plan; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) has collaborated with the Partnership for Healthy Chicago (Partnership) and hundreds of other stakeholders to complete Healthy Chicago 2025, which serves as the health assessment and plan for Chicago's overall public health system; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership is multi-sectoral and includes stakeholders ranging from provider organizations to research institutions to governmental entities to social service groups to health advocates to educational and faith-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Board of Health was engaged as a participant in the Partnership during the assessment and planning processes; and

WHEREAS, Healthy Chicago 2025 places a special focus on health and racial equity, articulating the following vision for Chicago: "A city where all people and all communities have power, are free from oppression and are strengthened by equitable access to resources, environments and opportunities that promote optimal health and well-being"; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of community members and stakeholders were engaged in the assessment portion of the process through focus groups, online surveys, and working meetings; and

WHEREAS, CDPH and the Partnership used the data from this assessment to develop six guiding principles, four assessment themes and 7 priority areas representing the top areas of focus of community members and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, over 600 community members and stakeholders participated in workgroups to identify Healthy Chicago 2025's priority populations, plans for change, equity measures, and ideal states; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Chicago 2025 planning process entailed a level of community and stakeholder engagement that was unprecedented for City of Chicago agencies at that time; and

WHEREAS, CDPH is committed to actively overseeing the implementation of Healthy Chicago 2025 efforts over the next five years by monitoring, evaluating, and regularly reporting on the progress of goals and objectives; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chicago Board of Health adopts Healthy Chicago 2025 as Chicago's Community Health Improvement Plan for the next five years.

Dated this 17th day of November 2021.

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