

## **RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ADVISORY GROUP FOR THE NEW WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF URBAN POLICY**

**WHEREAS,** President Barack Obama created a new White House Office of Urban Policy in order to better coordinate federal efforts to help America's cities; and

**WHEREAS,** Over 80 percent of the nation's total population now live in urban areas, with nearly 20 percent residing in cities with populations above 200,000; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Chicago is the nation's third largest city, and has a population of nearly 3,000,000; and

**WHEREAS,** Large cities in the United States face many of the same challenges in planning an urban infrastructure that meets the future work and living requirements of a growing population; and

**WHEREAS,** Cities, such as Chicago, possess a wealth of expertise among their elected officials, administrators, urban planners, academic and research professionals, and community activists who are engaged in trying to identify solutions for these challenges; and

**WHEREAS,** The newly created Office of Urban Policy could greatly assist cities, such as Chicago, in identifying common challenges that face large, urban populations; sharing experience and expertise; and devising solutions to those common challenges; now therefore,

**BE IT RESLOVED,** That the City Council of the City of Chicago hereby recommends to President Barack Obama that broad and diverse advisory group be created to help the proposed Office of Urban Policy reach out to cities across the nation to assist them in adopting the best practices available to improve the quality of life for urban residents and those who work and do business in our cities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be forwarded to President Barack Obama and members of his White House staff.

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