

RESOLUTION - #R2007-48
SUPPORTING THE CITY OF CHICAGO'S BID FOR THE
2016 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

WHEREAS, the *DeKalb County Board*, fosters intergovernmental cooperation, and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago (hereinafter "City") has been selected by the United States Olympic Committee as the U.S. Candidate City for the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games; and

WHEREAS, the City and the other municipalities and counties in the metropolitan Chicago region are anxious to serve the Olympic Movement by embracing and celebrating the Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, the Olympic and Paralympic Games represent the best of the human spirit, and Chicago 2016 and the United States Olympic Committee are committed to bringing the 2016 Olympics and Paralympic Games to the United States for the benefit of all and to inspire harmony locally, nationally and globally; and

WHEREAS, Chicago, a world-class city with remarkable diversity, culture, history and people, already holds a place in the international community as a city and a metropolitan area of immigrants from around the world who are eager to be ambassadors to visiting Olympic athletes; and

WHEREAS, hosting the Games in the heartland of the country will provide a unique opportunity to enhance the development of Olympic sport in the Midwest and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Chicago would provide a spectacular experience for athletes, the Olympic Family, spectators, residents and the global viewing audience by celebrating the Games in the center of the City and throughout the metropolitan region and in the midst of millions of people who are passionate about sports and will create an energetic spirit inside and outside of the venues; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is one of the transportation hubs of the world and can provide accessible transportation to international visitors through extensive rail, transit and motorways infrastructure, combined with world-class international airports.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the *DeKalb County Board* supports the City of Chicago and Chicago 2016 as they compete for the privilege to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the *DeKalb County Board* pledges its assistance to enhance the efforts of the City and Chicago 2016 to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the *DeKalb County Board* respectfully encourages its member municipalities, townships and other local governments and organizations to support the City of Chicago and Chicago 2016 as they compete for the privilege to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games as well as to pledge their assistance to enhance Chicago's efforts.

ADOPTED by the members of the *DeKalb County Board* on this the 16th day of *July* of 2008 and approved by me on the same day.

Chairman, Ruth Anne Tobias

ATTEST:

Sharon L. Holmes, County Clerk