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**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HEARINGS ON
CITY OF CHICAGO'S CYBERSECURITY**

WHEREAS, Ransomware attacks have increased across the globe by 201% since 2020; and

WHEREAS, In response to the rise of cybersecurity threats throughout the Nation, President Biden signed an Executive Order on May 12, 2021 to combat the problem; and

WHEREAS, President Biden's Executive Order, among many things, will modernize and implement more robust cybersecurity standards in the federal government and create a standard playbook for responding to cyber-attacks; and

WHEREAS, The federal government recognizes the need to actively combat cyber incidents, and so should the City of Chicago; and

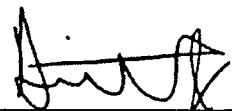
WHEREAS, Last month, cybercriminals hacked tens of thousands alleged city official emails, including emails from the Mayor's administration; and

WHEREAS, The City, including the Department of Assets, Information and Services, believed appropriate cybersecurity measures were in place; and

WHEREAS, The City's most recent breach led to ransom demands by cybercriminals and now raise concern over the security of the City's digital networks; and

WHEREAS, The City should be equipped to handle a sophisticated cyber-attack because failure to do so can encourage bad actors to use criminal means to gain information and cost taxpayers millions of dollars; and, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the City Council, call the Committee on Economic, Capital, and Technology Development to hold open hearings to review and evaluate the City of Chicago's cybersecurity protocols and the technology in place.



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