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also include both domestic violence and assault awareness education Committee on Public Safety

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, one in three women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime, and victims are often controlled and monitored by abusive partners, limiting their ability to seek help; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2015, the Ohio Attorney General's office partnered with a program sponsored by the Professional Beauty Association Foundation to identify victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, this program trains salon workers to identify victims of domestic violence or human trafficking by recognizing indications of domestic violence, and leverages close relationships with clients to assist them in seeking help or to notify authorities of a potential domestic violence situation; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio board of cosmetology plans on training the board's 120,000 licensees on how to recognize the signs of domestic violence and the proper information to pass along; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly has taken steps towards the creation of a similar program in Illinois through House Bill 4264, which would provide continuing education for the first renewal of a cosmetologists license to also include both domestic violence and sexual assault awareness education, and for these courses to be optional to help fulfill the continuing education requirements during every subsequent renewal of a cosmetologists license; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Chicago believes that House Bill 4264 will provide citizens of Illinois with further awareness of the signs of domestic violence and sexual assault, and serve as a step towards ending domestic violence in Illinois; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled here this twenty-fourth day of September, do hereby express our strong support for House Bill 4264, and urge both Houses of the Illinois General Assembly pass this bill, and the Governor of Illinois to sign the bill when it arrives on his desk; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOVLED, that copies of this resolution be delivered to the Governor of the State of Illinois, The President of the Illinois Senate, the Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate, the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives.

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