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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the coronavirus has impacted every sector of Chicago since the end of 2019, causing great harm, duress and pain to the city's families, businesses and seventy-seven communities; and,

WHEREAS, leaders on every level of government have issued dozens of orders, alerts and advisories trying to stop the spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, while the pandemic continues its devastating impact, efforts must be made to not only flatten the curve spread of the virus but also lower the thresholds for regional recovery and reopening; and,

WHEREAS, a growing sense of anger, impatience and frustration is felt by residents and business owners struggling to survive without proper financial relief by the governments demanding continued restrictive policies, causing them to ignore health policies and government warnings; and,

WHEREAS, truly public and transparent intergovernmental discussions pertaining to mitigation efforts and reopening thresholds must be had congruently between all levels of government impacting Chicagoans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, declare the immediate need for the creation of a fifteen member trilateral "Regional Renaissance Commission" between the city, county and state governments to publicly discuss collaborative reopening measures; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor of Illinois and President of Cook County shall each pick five members of their

own choosing for the Regional Renaissance Commission with the City of Chicago sending three members of the City Council and two of the mayor's choosing; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Regional Renaissance Commission shall allow for inclusion and participation from residents, businesses and other civic leaders so that full ownership of policy and their associated implementation can be achieved; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Regional Renaissance Commission shall initially focus on:

- 1) Education & Prevention for successful COVID-19 mitigation
- 2) Safe Reopening Spectrums
- 3) Growth & Development in a post-pandemic economy
- 4) Destination Chicago: Revitalizing travel & tourism

As well as all other categories deemed necessary by the members; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Regional Renaissance Commission shall find the balance between viral mitigation and economic restoration in a manner that is both rooted in science and practicality.