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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, due to the exponential increase in violence against women and vulnerable communities, the City of Chicago's City Council and Cook County's Board of Commissioners created the City of Chicago-Cook County Violence Against Women Task Force (CCVAW) to reduce violence via collaborative efforts and formulate further recommendations to the Mayor of the City of Chicago, the Chicago City Council, the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the CCVAW Task Force endeavored to initiate a whole-government approach; incorporate the findings of previous and concurrent task forces relating to women and vulnerable communities; and focus on governmental responsibility to address violence against women; and

WHEREAS, the final independent report of the CCVAW Task Force was presented in July 2026, providing recommendations on identified gaps, including data-sharing, oversight, and policy recommendations for future collaborative actions; and

WHEREAS, the report outlined a comprehensive list of recommendations aimed at enhancing the measures employed to address domestic violence-related issues and to support victims; and

WHEREAS, from the inception of the CCVAW Task Force on January 1, 2026, to its conclusion on July 15, 2026, the City of Chicago's Violence Reduction Dashboard reported a 58% decrease in domestic homicides in the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, even with the reported reductions in violent crimes, there have been reported increases in shooting victimizations (12%) and multi-victim shooting victimizations (75%) in domestic cases in the City of Chicago, as of September 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the findings and recommendations of the first phase of the CCVAW Task Force Final Report include the creation of a collaborative public victimization dashboard, the formulation of an Independent Oversight Committee for the court and justice system, and an interagency data center focused on law enforcement's response to high-priority court orders; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the implementation of the report's recommendations, governments must commit to reporting progress to governmental bodies and the public on a regular basis; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. This resolution hereby reinstates the City of Chicago-Cook County Violence Against Women Task Force for a second phase of operations ("CCVAW Phase 2"). This resolution shall be formally adopted by the City Council of the City of Chicago and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County. Additional partners will be invited to join the CCVAW Phase 2, including legislators and agencies from the State of Illinois, as well as from municipalities, townships, and government entities from throughout Cook County.

SECTION 2. CCVAW Phase 2 will provide the oversight necessary to implement the recommendations from the report, "Building a Unified Court and Justice System," published in July 2026, and will identify further collaborative initiatives to address violence against women and vulnerable communities in the City of Chicago and throughout the County of Cook. The CCVAW Phase 2 shall warrant a whole-government approach and will strictly focus on the roles and responsibilities of government agencies. Ethical considerations involving contractors and lobbying rules will be adhered to during these efforts and in the development of future recommendations.

SECTION 3. The CCVAW Phase 2 shall host quarterly Executive Meetings for appointed officials, elected county stakeholders, departmental commissioners, and their designees. The CCVAW Phase 2 will compose collaborative efforts focused on implementing the recommendations from the final report of the first phase of the CCVAW. All departments and agencies of the public safety, health, court and justice systems shall report quarterly to the Chicago City Council's Public Safety Committee with updates on implementation and compliance with these recommendations, including comprehensive outlines reporting the resources necessary to effectuate these measures.

SECTION 4. All departments involved with the public safety, health, court and justice systems under the City of Chicago shall participate in meetings for cross-departmental and governmental collaboration, analyze research and evidence-based practices, identify gaps in data-sharing and budgetary needs, and determine policy recommendations for future collaborative actions.

SECTION 5. CCVAW Phase 2 will commence on January 1, 2027, and conclude on December 31, 2029. The official report of recommendations and progress will be updated annually and disseminated to the Chicago City Council and the Cook County Board of Commissioners.