

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HHS WORKERS DEMANDING THE
RESIGNATION OF HHS SECRETARY ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.**

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago affirms that public health policy must be grounded in sound science, peer-reviewed research, and the guidance of qualified health professionals, and that the people of Chicago have long relied upon the expertise of the Chicago Department of Public Health, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Illinois Department of Human Services to safeguard community health; and

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2025, more than 1,000 current and former workers of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released a letter formally calling for the resignation of Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., citing his repeated dissemination of inaccurate health information, disregard for scientific integrity, and actions that compromise the safety of the HHS workforce; and

WHEREAS, the letter details grave concerns with Secretary Kennedy's leadership, including facilitating the removal of respected scientific leaders at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); appointing political ideologues with histories of spreading misinformation to critical advisory positions; rescinding vaccine authorizations without transparent scientific justification; and disparaging professional medical organizations that advocate for evidence-based care; and

WHEREAS, the HHS workers' letter further notes that Secretary Kennedy has disregarded the President's Executive Order on "Restoring Gold Standard Science in America," which requires transparency, unbiased peer review, and independence from political interference, thereby undermining public trust in national health institutions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Chicago stands in solidarity with the HHS workforce in their demand for leadership that protects the health and well-being of all Americans, and recognizes that the dissemination of false or misleading health information places lives at risk and threatens the credibility of public health infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Chicago residents deserve to rely on clear, consistent, and scientifically sound public health guidance, and the City of Chicago reaffirms its commitment to the expertise of the Chicago Department of Public Health, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) as trusted sources for safeguarding community health; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, do hereby support the call of the HHS workforce for the resignation of Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. from his position as Secretary of Health and Human Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council commends IDPH's efforts to offer Illinois-specific public health guidelines based in scientific understanding, and recommends that the CDPH collaborate with IDPH to share updates with the public in a regular manner, ensuring that Chicagoans have trusted, evidence-driven sources that protect their health and safety.


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