

**A Resolution Calling On The State Of Illinois General Assembly
To Extend Property Tax Relief For Illinois Homeowners**

WHEREAS, thousands of homeowners are once again being hit with an increase in the assessed valuation of their homes; and,

WHEREAS, property tax assessment have been raised at a rate much faster than the income of most Illinois residents; and,

WHEREAS, our Country, our State, and our City are faced with an ongoing recession that has dramatically impacted the housing market throughout the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, residents across Illinois are struggling to meet the skyrocketing property taxes and live in fear of losing their homes; and,

WHEREAS, there is a clear and urgent need for the State of Illinois to assist in controlling the uncertainty of property tax increases; and,

WHEREAS, the 7% Expanded Homeowners Exemption legislation limiting property tax increases to seven percent, passed by the General Assembly in 2007, is currently being phased out this year; and,

WHEREAS, the current legislation will offer a lowered level of protection for Chicagoan with the average taxpayer realizing a \$300 increase in this year's property tax in 2009; and,

WHEREAS, without any protection provided by the 7% Expanded Homeowners Exemption, coupled with the 2009 City of Chicago triennial reassessment, the average Chicagoan will realize a \$750 increase in their tax bill in 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 9th Day of September, 2009 A.D. do hereby call on the State of Illinois General Assembly to come together in agreement over the best interest of the residents of the State of Illinois and extend the seven percent property tax cap legislation that provided substantial relief for residents of both Cook County and through out Illinois.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be sent to Senate President John Cullerton, House Speaker Mike Madigan, and to the State of Illinois General Assembly.

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