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RESOLUTION FORMING AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE SECESSION FROM COOK COUNTY

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WHEREAS, Cook County mandates hinder economic development within Cook County and the Village of Orland Park, including the Cook County Commissioners passing of a resolution on March 14, 2018 to require private businesses to pay prevailing wage for all properties with Cook County Economic Incentive Classes 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s, SURS, etc. for all new incentive applicants, current incentive holders upon renewal and whose business undertakes any modernization project; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Commissioners passed ordinances forcing mandatory sick pay and increasing minimum wage to a higher rate than the remainder of Illinois that forces all businesses in Cook County including business with an Economic Incentives if it resides in a Village that has opted out of said ordinance like Orland Park; and

WHEREAS, these ordinances place unfunded mandates on municipalities and unprecedented requirements on private businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County States Attorney's Office has established a felony approval threshold of \$1,000 or 10 prior felony convictions for retail theft in direct conflict with current Illinois law of \$300; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County States Attorney's Office implemented a policy of not prosecuting violators who have a suspended driver's license whereupon the basis of the suspension is financial responsibility and admitted this policy was created to relieve overcrowding in two courtrooms at the Daley Center; and

WHEREAS, the current Felony Review process requires that all witnesses and victim(s) be at the police department prior to an Assistant States Attorney arriving for major crimes thus prolonging the investigation; and

WHEREAS, an 18 month old DIU statute calls for a blood draw to be completed within two hours of driving when the driver is under the influence of cannabis, yet the Cook County States Attorney's Office has done nothing to expedite the search warrant process to allow police departments to comply with the statute; and

WHEREAS, these policies fail to provide legal prosecution and protection for victims in Orland Park for several classes of crime; and

WHEREAS, Orland Park is the third largest tax contributor in Cook County, yet receives proportionally far fewer services in return; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's actions only serve to hurt Cook County municipalities and their residents by driving businesses out of Cook County into adjacent collar counties and states such as Will County and Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Orland Park, as part of Orland Township, voted to secede from Cook County.

NOW, THERFORE, Be it Resolved by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Orland Park, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois that:

- a. The Village of Orland Park will form a Special Commission to investigate secession from Cook County; and
- b. A certified copy of this Resolution be filed as soon as possible with the Cook County Board of Commissioners.