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RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE COOK COUNTY SWEETENED BEVERAGE TAX

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WHEREAS, on November 10, 2016, the Cook County Board of Commissioners passed a 1¢ per ounce tax on “sweetened beverages”, effective July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the cost of a 99¢ can of soda increases to \$1.11 and a 20 ounce bottle from \$2.19 to \$2.39; and

WHEREAS, this tax covers all carbonated soft drinks whether sweetened with sugar or a substitute, sports drinks, energy drinks and fruit drinks that are not 100% fruit juice; and

WHEREAS, this is clearly a Cook County revenue raising device and not an attempt to improve the health of citizens or to combat obesity since many other sweetened high calorie snacks, such as candy, are not similarly taxed but taxes drinks that have no sugar and no calories; and

WHEREAS, this tax will only serve to hurt those employed in the beverage industry and will hurt retailers in Cook County municipalities that are adjacent to collar counties, such as Orland Park; and

WHEREAS, this tax will have a significant negative impact on the financial well-being of all Cook County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 hereby expresses its opposition to the Cook County Sweetened Beverage Tax and requests its immediate repeal by the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and
- b. A certified copy of this Resolution be filed as soon as possible with the Cook County Board of Commissioners.