

**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE GILEAD OUTREACH AND REFERRAL CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, The Gilead Outreach and Referral Center is a non-partisan, not-for-profit, tax-exempt coalition of over 300 civic, labor and faith-based organizations in Metropolitan Chicago dedicated to improving the health and welfare of our local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, The Gilead Outreach and Referral Center has convened over 10,000 community leaders to advocate for health care for the uninsured, increased housing opportunities, and support for the homeless and the elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, The Gilead Outreach and Referral Center specifically promotes the enrollment of children and their families in state-supported health insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 220,000 low-income children in the Chicago area are uninsured; one in three Latinos is uninsured; the number of uninsured African-Americans has increased by 72% in the last five years; and 76% of working adults are uninsured; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago Board of Education shares the goals of The Gilead Outreach and Referral Center to increase public health coverage for Chicago-area residents and has conducted extensive outreach and enrollment assistance to low-income and working families to increase utilization of Illinois' child health insurance program, KidCare;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 21st day of February, 2001, commend The Gilead Outreach and Referral Center for their commitment to the health and welfare of Chicago-area residents. We also welcome and appreciate their collaboration with the Chicago Public Schools to promote health care access for students and their families.