

September 26, 2001

**RESOLUTION RE: TERRORIST ATTACKS ON
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, terrorists launched a brutal and calculated attack upon the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, this attack was focused on the World Trade Center in New York City and on Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the attack was carried out by crashing hijacked airliners, containing passengers, into buildings; and

WHEREAS, this tragic event resulted in the death of more than 260 passengers and crew members on the four airliners, the death of nearly 200 military and civilian workers in the Pentagon; and the death of more than 6,000 individuals in the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of New York police officers and firefighters sacrificed their lives aiding the victims in New York; and

WHEREAS, three students and three teachers from Washington, D.C. died aboard a hijacked airliner; and

WHEREAS, thousands of police officers, fire fighters and volunteers – including police officers, fire fighters and other volunteers from Chicago – have labored unceasingly to rescue the living and recover the dead; and

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush and the nation's leaders have united in the face of this tragedy, to mourn our loss and to lead the world in ending international terrorism;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board President and members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 26th day of September, 2001, do hereby extend our deepest sympathies to the families of the victims of this monstrous action on their loss and offer our support to the people of New York and of Washington, D.C. as they confront their losses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education strongly condemns this and all other acts of terrorism against innocent people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education particularly expresses its condolences to the Washington public schools as they mourn their losses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education commends the police officers, fire fighters, hospital workers, and many volunteers who have heroically labored to save lives and to bring comfort to suffering families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education wholeheartedly stands with President Bush and the government of the United States, and many nations of the world, in their determination to exterminate the scourge of international terrorism so that people may live in peace.