



## **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Lake County was instrumental in the successful efforts during the 1990s to ensure that the Great Lakes Naval Training Center was selected by the Navy to be the national training center for all naval recruits; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the Navy has housed naval personnel and their families in the communities of North Chicago, Highwood, and Highland Park in Lake County, and Glenview in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is undertaking efforts to improve the military housing serving personnel stationed at the Great Lakes Training Center; and

WHEREAS, the development of new housing will bring with it a redistribution of the number of school children attending the school districts in the affected communities; and

WHEREAS, the affected communities welcome and embrace the school children of military families attending their elementary and secondary school districts; and

WHEREAS, the school districts in these affected communities have coped with the funding gap between what the federal government provides and what the actual cost per student is in each school district; and

WHEREAS, the North Chicago School District is struggling with the possibility of losing its "heavily impacted" designation due to changes in the housing available to Great Lakes personnel, which if lost would severely decrease the amount of federal dollars that the school district is eligible to receive; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Kirk, Senator Durbin and Senator Obama have recognized the significance of this issue, and have introduced federal legislation, S.141 and H.R. 12, which, for purposes of determining assistance under the Impact Aid Program, would pool students from the affected school districts; and

WHEREAS, under this proposal and through an Intergovernmental Agreement among all the affected school districts, the North Chicago schools would retain its "heavily impacted"

designation, and the other school districts would be provided an equitable share of the federal Impact Aid Program proceeds; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Revenue, Records and Legislation Committee that the Lake County Board support the efforts of the school districts and the communities of North Chicago, Highland Park, Highwood and Glenview in seeking passage of H.R. 12 introduced by Congressman Kirk in the U.S. House of Representatives, and the passage of S.441 introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senator Durbin and Senator Obama.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois that it fully supports the passage of H.R. 12 and S.441, to fairly address continuation of federal Impact Aid Program proceeds to school districts providing education services for students of Navy personnel at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this County Board hereby directs that this support be communicated to our federal representatives.

DATED, at WAUKEGAN, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D., 2007.