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95-R-15

A RESOLUTION

**Supporting the Voter Empowerment Act of 2015 and
the Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2015**

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston City Council believes in the right of all eligible citizens to vote and to have their vote count is the cornerstone of our democracy, and it is a fundamental civil right guaranteed by our Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston believes it is the obligation of Congress to guarantee that everything that can be done will be done to ensure that every eligible American is allowed to vote and to be sure that his or her vote has been counted; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Representative Janice "Jan" Schakowsky the U.S. Representative for Illinois's 9th congressional district has co-sponsored H.R. 12, the Voter Empowerment Act of 2015 and H.R. 885, the Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Voter Empowerment Act of 2015 will modernize voter registration processes and promote access to voting for all Americans, including those with disabilities, and

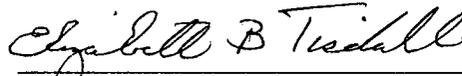
WHEREAS, the Voting Rights Amendment Act will ensure that the Voting Rights Act of 1965 remains a strong tool to protect individuals' right to vote for decades to come,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

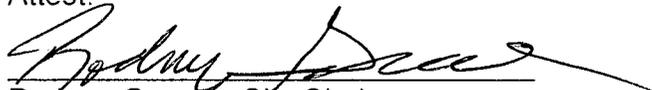
SECTION 1: City of Evanston hereby pledges our support for the Voter Empowerment Act of 2015 and the Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2015; and

SECTION 2: The City of Evanston will actively work to pursue the objectives of the 2015 Acts both locally and in our federal and state capitols; and

SECTION 3: Copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Jan Schakowsky, to all state and federal legislators representing the City of Evanston, to the Office of the Governor, and to department heads in the City of Evanston.


Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, Mayor

Attest:


Rodney Greene, City Clerk

Adopted: September 15, 2015