RESOLUTION

Whereas,
One of the primary objects of the Union League Club of Chicago is to secure honesty and efficiency in the administration of national, state and municipal affairs; and

Whereas,
The Union League Club of Chicago on January 6, 2000 expressed its support for a moratorium on executions in Illinois until reforms can be implemented; and

Whereas,
The Union League Club of Chicago supported the capital punishment reform legislation which was enacted in November 2003 as Public Act 93-605; and

Whereas,
In enacting the capital punishment reform legislation, the Illinois General Assembly established a Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee to study the impact of the reforms on the capital punishment system; and

Whereas,
The budget presented to the Governor of Illinois by the General Assembly for fiscal year 2008, in Public Act 95-348, included $250,000 to fund the work of the Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee; and

Whereas,
The Governor on August 22, 2007 vetoed the inclusion of this $250,000 in the budget for fiscal year 2008; and

Whereas,
The Public Affairs Committee of the Union League Club of Chicago has determined that the work of the Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee is vital in evaluating the reforms implemented by the General Assembly’s 2003 legislation; now therefore

Be It Resolved,
That the Board of Directors of the Union League Club of Chicago urges the General Assembly to override the Governor’s veto of funding for the Capital Punishment Reform Study Committee and calls upon the General Assembly and Governor to establish adequate funding for the Committee’s ongoing work. The Board of Directors further directs the Public Affairs Committee and the Director of Public Affairs to inform the Governor of Illinois, members of the General Assembly, and the general public of this position of the Union League Club of Chicago.

Adopted October 20, 2007 by the Board of Directors.

Frank R. Niederman
President

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Secretary