

January 24, 2024

*Committee on Economic, Capital, and Technology Development*

**RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE CITY OF CHICAGO COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,  
CAPITAL, AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT TO HOLD HEARINGS ON DATA  
RESIDENCY**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Chicago (the “City”) treats data as a strategic asset; and

**WHEREAS**, Data residency refers to the physical or geographic location of an organization’s data or information; and

**WHEREAS**, The physical location of data is often critical in determining which sovereign nation controls that data; and

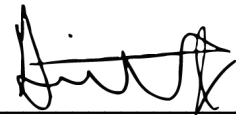
**WHEREAS**, When a data storage facility is not located in the United States (U.S.), there is an increased security risk and is subject to the sovereign control of the country where the data is located; and

**WHEREAS**, There is currently no international standard that governs the question of data sovereignty; and

**WHEREAS**, However, in the State of Georgia when using contracted cloud services, a State agency must include appropriate contract language to retain data ownership and ensure appropriate measures of confidentiality, integrity and availability; and

**WHEREAS**, This standard requires all State data to be stored only on servers within the U.S.; and, now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we the Members of the City Council, call on the Committee on Economic, Capital, and Technology Development to hold a hearing to provide the City Council with an opportunity to learn more about why storing data within the State of Illinois reduces both jurisdictional and security concerns .



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