

Policy Resolution
on the
2016 Olympics

- WHEREAS,** the City of Chicago, Illinois has proposed to host the summer Olympics Games in 2016; and
- WHEREAS,** in connection with its proposal, the City must demonstrate the support and cooperation of various governmental bodies as a condition to the consideration of its proposal; and
- WHEREAS,** in support of such a proposal, participating authorities must agree to abide by the Olympic Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics developed by the United States Olympic Committee (the USOC codes) and implement and fully respect the anti-doping codes of the United States Anti-Doping Agency and the World Anti-Doping Agency; and
- WHEREAS,** the Midwestern Governors Association is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization consisting of the Governors from the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin, that seeks to foster regional development, to facilitate interstate cooperation and improve intergovernmental relationships, and to provide a medium for the exchange of views and experiences on subjects of general importance to the people of the Midwestern states; and
- WHEREAS,** the Association believes that the spirit, principles and ideals underlying the Olympic Games are beneficial to athletic participants, their sponsoring countries, spectators and observers and further believes that efforts to support such activities are in line with the fundamental spirit, principles and ideals underlying the organization and operation of the Association, which seeks to cross borders, share ideas and develop an improved sense of community; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that the governors of the Midwestern Governors Association do hereby confirm their support of the spirit, principles and ideals embodied in the Olympic Charter and the development of community embodied in the meeting of athletes from throughout the world at the Olympic Games and that in furtherance of this support it hereby guarantees the respect of the Olympic Charter; and be it further

- RESOLVED,** that the governors of the Midwestern Governors Association support Chicago's proposal to host the summer Olympic Games in 2016 and their willingness to work with Chicago to accomplish its proposal should Chicago be selected as the host city for the summer Olympic Games in 2016; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that the Midwestern Governors Association shall cooperate with Chicago to confirm the availability of all sport and non-sport venues at no more than market rental rates for the purpose of hosting the Olympic Games and conducting the Olympic events; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that the Midwestern states shall cooperate with Chicago to confirm the willingness of all participating authorities to abide by the USOC codes and to implement and fully respect the anti-doping codes; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that this resolution be submitted to the United States Olympic Committee.

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