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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON AND THE CITY OF CHICAGO ON  
INCREASED VIOLENCE AND ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES**

**CHICAGO** – We are devastated by the recent violence that has left our city in a state of grief and we extend our heartfelt condolences to the families and communities impacted by these recent events. The City of Chicago is committed to ensuring the safety of all residents and visitors. In response, several measures are being implemented:

- **Chicago Police Department (CPD):** CPD will utilize officers whose days off for this weekend were previously canceled to maximize presence and ensure prompt incident response.
- **Operation Wake Up:** A community rally at 71st Place & Woodlawn Ave today, July 5 at 6:00 pm to promote bonding, support, and healing.
- **Emergency Services Assistance Center (ESAC):** Activated on Tuesday, July 9 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Fosco Park (1312 S. Racine Ave.) to provide emergency support services to community residents.

The City of Chicago is committed to taking every necessary step to work toward a safer city and to support our communities during these challenging times.

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