



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**Consent Agenda**

**Thursday, November 16, 2023, 10:00 AM**

**Third Set**

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**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING ISRAEL ROCHA**

**WHEREAS**, Israel Rocha, Jr. joined Cook County Health (CCH) as Chief Executive Officer in December 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Rocha took the helm of CCH, a storied public health system, during the global COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Rocha provided exceptional guidance to CCH as the health system responded on the front lines of the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Rocha set an institutional goal to develop a mass community vaccination program to ensure equitable access to COVID-19 vaccinations across the County of Cook; and

**WHEREAS**, As a result, CCH established six mass vaccination sites throughout Cook County and expanded access to vaccines at CCH facilities. In all, CCH has administered more than one million doses of COVID-19 vaccine, making it one of the first health systems in the country to achieve this milestone; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Rocha has made health equity and access to care a cornerstone of his tenure at CCH; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Rocha led the establishment of The Change Institute of Cook County Health. The Change Institute is a change agent and convener of internal and external stakeholders, designed to address the social risk factors of health and inequitable health outcomes among the most vulnerable populations; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Rocha has developed and provided executive leadership to a multitude of CCH quality and high-reliability organization initiatives to enhance the care and services provided across CCH; and

**WHEREAS**, This year Stroger Hospital has received its highest quality scores from Leapfrog and the US Centers for Medicaid and Medicare star ratings, while CountyCare earned the highest quality rating achieved by any Medicaid plan in the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Rocha has been a good fiscal steward of CCH, ensuring that the health system managed its annual budgets with a positive variance, and prioritizing the hiring of staff; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Rocha has uplifted CCH's historic legacy and its mission to provide access to the world's best health care and services, regardless of ability to pay, so all may live their healthiest life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the residents of Cook County are grateful to Mr. Rocha for his three years of exceptional leadership and service; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby gratefully acknowledge Israel Rocha, Jr. for his remarkable contributions to CCH and the health of communities across Cook County.

[23-5844](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Illinois is the traditional homeland of the Council of the Three Fires: The Odawa, Ojibwe and Potawatomi Nations. Many other Tribes like the Miami, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Sac and Fox also called this area home; and

**WHEREAS**, located at the intersection of several great waterways, Illinois became a site of travel and healing for many Tribes. Native Americans have called this area home since time immemorial; and

**WHEREAS**, in November of 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed a resolution designating November as “Native American Heritage Month”, and

**WHEREAS**, The United States observes National Native American Heritage Month every year during the month of November in recognition of the essential and unique contributions of Native peoples past and present; and

**WHEREAS**, 280,985 Illinois residents identified as American Indian or Alaska Native in the 2020 United States Census; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby designates November 2023 as Native American Heritage Month in Cook County and reaffirm our acknowledgement that Cook County is located on land that is the traditional homeland of many Native Tribes and that the Native American community remains a valued and essential partner in Cook County’s present and future; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize November as Native American Heritage Month.

[23-5905](#)

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN ERNEST "RED" MOORE**

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore, we labor that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

II Corinthians 5:8-10

**WHEREAS,** John Ernest "Red" Moore was born in Yazoo County, Mississippi, on February 24, 1950; and

**WHEREAS,** John Ernest "Red" Moore was the sixth child of Rosetta Bell Moore; and

**WHEREAS,** John Ernest "Red" Moore received his formal education in the Jackson public school system and was a proud graduate of Brinkley High School; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1972, John Ernest "Red" Moore moved to Chicago, Illinois after graduation, where he worked many years at Sears & Robuck; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1977, John Ernest "Red" Moore moved back to Mississippi and worked in construction with his brother Hooker until he retired in 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** John enjoyed the fellowship with co-workers and working in the construction industry; and

**WHEREAS,** John Ernest "Red" Moore took great pleasure being in the midst of nature whether it was working in his yard or napping on his porch; and

**WHEREAS,** John Ernest "Red" Moore always trusted and believed in a true and living God. He accepted Christ totally as his Lord and Savior in the latter months of his extended illness; and

**WHEREAS,** during this time, he often shared his talks to the Lord. Listening to Psalms 23 gave him comfort toward the end of life; and

**WHEREAS,** John Ernest "Red" Moore is preceded in death by his mother Rosetta Bell Moore, brother

Eddie Earl Moore, sister-in-law Marie Moore, one brother-in-law Ozzie Lewis., and niece Mary Johnson; and

**WHEREAS**, John Ernest "Red" Moore leaves precious memories to be cherished by three sisters and five brothers: Eunice Hollins and Essie Lewis (Jackson, Mississippi), Ruby Walters (James) Wake Forest, North Carolina; Johnny Hooker (Mary) Moore, L. C. Moore and Wilson Moore of Jackson, Mississippi. Herman Bell (Bronx, New York), and Earl (Tina) Bell, Chicago, Illinois; sister-in-law Verna P. Moore (Columbus, Georgia); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will miss him dearly; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County do hereby recognize the great contributions and legacy of John Ernest "Red" Moore made during his years on this earth; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Proclamation be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of John Ernest "Red" Moore.

[23-5908](#)

**Sponsored by:** SCOTT R. BRITTON, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), BRIDGET DEGREN, BRIDGET GAINER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **DECLARING NOVEMBER 12 - 18, 2023, UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, United Against Hate Week is celebrated by cities, counties, libraries, nonprofit organizations, and community institutions across the Country from November 12-18, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, United Against Hate Week is a call for local civic action to stop the hate and implicit biases that are a dangerous threat to the safety and civility of our neighborhoods, towns, and cities; and

**WHEREAS**, United Against Hate Week emerged in 2017 from a Bay Area Cities poster campaign in response to white supremacist rallies; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County United Against Hate was founded in 2022, following an antisemitic propaganda distribution across the northern suburbs; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County United Against Hate catalyzes efforts to disrupt discrimination, empower everyone to champion social justice, and spur educational opportunities to learn about systematic racism; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County rejects bias, bigotry, bullying, discrimination, hate, and racism, of any kind, and is committed to fighting injustice and intolerance; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is a sanctuary County, hereby joins with its community to welcome all people regardless of their race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, class, or other backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, despite concerted efforts and coalitions from Suffrage, the Chicano El Movimiento, and the Civil Rights Movement, to combating Islamophobia post 9/11, Black Lives Matter, and Stop AAPI Hate, hate crimes continue to rise and have more than doubled since 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, nationally according to the FBI, 11,634 hate crime incidents were reported in 2022, with increases in anti-Black, anti-Hispanic, antisemitic hate, homophobic, and anti-American Indian or Alaska Native over 2021. Anti-Muslim incidents in 2022 are overrepresented among victims; and

**WHEREAS**, anti-Black hate crimes were more than three times higher than the next highest racial or ethnic category, and anti-LGBTQIA+ hate crimes recorded a five-year high; and

**WHEREAS**, we may look to our history and leaders from the past for guidance:

**WHEREAS**, Martin Luther King Jr. said, "darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that;" and

**WHEREAS**, Mahatma Gandhi said, "hatred can be overcome only by love. Whenever you are confronted with an opponent, conquer him with love;" and

**WHEREAS**, Confucius said, "it is easy to hate and it is difficult to love;" and

**WHEREAS**, in the Cherokee story of The Two Wolves we learn that "hate is like taking poison and wishing your enemy would die;" and

**WHEREAS**, Jewish scholar Maimonides said, "all the evils that men cause to hate each other because of certain desires, or opinions or religious principles, are rooted in ignorance;" and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare November 12 - 18, 2023 as United Against Hate Week to pronounce that all are welcome in Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, during United Against Hate Week, Cook County encourages seven days of local civil action by residents, governments, and organizations in every community to denounce racism, hate, injustice, bigotry, discrimination, and implicit bias of any kind; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Cook County does hereby commit to leveraging its resources to embrace the strength of our diversity, build inclusive and equitable communities, and ensure all feel welcome and are able to thrive.

[23-5910](#)

**Sponsored by:** ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, November is National Epilepsy Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological disorder in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, if a person suffers from epilepsy, surges of electrical activity in their brain can cause recurring seizures; and

**WHEREAS**, seizures are sudden surges of abnormal and excessive electrical activity in the brain and can affect how a person appears and acts; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Epilepsy Foundation, even though 3.4 million people and their families are affected by epilepsy in the United States, much is still misunderstood about this brain disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Advanced Neurosurgery Associates (ANA), 1 out of 26 people will develop epilepsy during their life; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years people with epilepsy have experienced significant discrimination in the workplace, at school, and in other settings; and

**WHEREAS**, people with epilepsy were forbidden to marry in 17 states until 1956, and the last state to repeal this law did so in 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) became law thanks in part to Tony Coelho, former U.S. Representative and member of the Epilepsy Foundation's Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADA prohibits discrimination and guarantees the civil rights of people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, President George W. Bush signed the ADA Amendments Act that restored the original intent of Congress and clarified the definition of "disability" to encompass episodic conditions like epilepsy; and

**WHEREAS**, until the passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2010, people with epilepsy could be denied coverage for pre-existing conditions. In 2005, nearly 36% of people with epilepsy were refused

coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, National Epilepsy Awareness Month aims to encourage people to learn more about the condition, its symptoms, and how to support people living with epilepsy.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the Month of November as National Epilepsy Awareness Month

[23-5914](#)

**Sponsored by:** JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**MARVIN LOSKOVE, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, he was born February 24, 1932 in Memphis, Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a teacher and a guide in life; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a deeply religious and faithful man devoted to his wife, family and community; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a devoted husband to his beloved wife of sixty-five (65) years and loving father of Rachelle (Paul) Bernstein, Michael (Randi) Loskove and Debra Silverstein. Dear brother to Morris (Tobi) Loskove and proud grand and great-grandfather to many; and

**WHEREAS**, he was influential in starting Jewish Day Schools in Memphis, Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, he joined the ROTC in order to become an officer when he was drafted, so that he could practice his Jewish faith; and

**WHEREAS**, he became a Captain in the Airforce while honoring the practices of his faith; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County hereby honors Marvin Loskove for his contributions to society and a life spent devoted to his faith, family and community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be provided to the daughter of Marvin Loskove, Alderwoman Debra Silverstein of the 50th ward, Chicago, IL and the Loskove family.



[23-5915](#)

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Mary K. Daley “Dot” (nee Mahoney), IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS** Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Mary K. Daley “Dot” (nee Mahoney) from our midst; and

**WHEREAS** Mary K. Daley was the beloved wife of the late James P. Daley Sr.; and

**WHEREAS** Mary K. Daley was the loving mother of Mary K. (Cosmo Briatta, James P. Jr (Denise), John J. (Terri), Daniel P. (Ann), Catherine A. (Chris) Torie, Colleen P. (David) Jahn and Patricia A. (Paul) Glenchur; and

**WHEREAS** Mary K. Daley was the cherished grandmother 19 and great-grandmother of 13; and

**WHEREAS** Mary K. Daley was the adored daughter of the late John and Mary Kathryn Mahoney; and

**WHEREAS** Mary K. Daley was the dear sister of the late Helen (late John) Madden and the late John (late Helen) Mahoney; and

**WHEREAS** all who knew her will attest that Mary K. Daley was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her family, now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Mary K. Daley and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to the family of Mary K. Daley so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.