

Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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9:00 AM

**Cook County Building, Board Room,
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

FRANK J. AGUILAR
ALMA E. ANAYA
SCOTT R. BRITTON
JOHN P. DALEY
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BRIDGET GAINER
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JOSINA MORITA
KEVIN B. MORRISON
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TARA S. STAMPS
MAGGIE TREVOR
JESSICA VÁZQUEZ

**MONICA GORDON
COUNTY CLERK**

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Board met pursuant to law and pursuant to Resolution 25-0986.

OFFICIAL RECORD

President Preckwinkle in the chair.

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

QUORUM

County Clerk Monica Gordon called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Commissioners, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore and Morita (3)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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1. Pamala Bosley, Saint Sabina Church
2. Michelle Garcia, Access Living
3. Don Johnson, Lifeway Foods
4. George Blakemore, Chicago

CONSENT CALENDAR

**25-2867
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE FRANK J. AGUILAR AND MAGGIE TREVOR,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING LEYDEN TOWNSHIP ON THEIR 175th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Leyden Township was established on April 2, 1850, at the house of Richard Fuller, and initially consisted mainly of prairie land with a timber strip along the Des Plaines River; and

WHEREAS, Leyden Township is one of twenty-nine townships located in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the area was originally known as Orison, and in the 1840s, farmers began settling there. The Chicago & Pacific Railroad laid tracks through the township in 1870; and

WHEREAS, Leyden Township encompasses portions of several municipalities, including Northlake, Melrose Park, Park Ridge, Norridge, and Bensenville, as well as all of River Grove, Schiller Park, Franklin Park, and Elmwood Park; and

WHEREAS, the township has evolved from its agricultural roots to include a variety of residential and industrial areas; and

WHEREAS, the total population of Leyden Township is 93,096 as of the 2020 census; and

WHEREAS, Unincorporated Leyden Township is home to approximately 10,000 residents. Unincorporated Leyden utilizes the Melrose Park Postal Service and uses the Northlake zip code of 60164. The Leyden Fire Protection District and Cook County Sheriff's Police protect the unincorporated area; and

WHEREAS, currently, Leyden Township's government provides services to the residents of the included municipalities, as well as a large unincorporated area; and

WHEREAS, Leyden Township supports its senior citizens. The township reevaluates senior service programs every day to meet the needs and desires of three generations of older adults. Leyden Township senior programs continue to expand current and develop new programs and opportunities for this dynamic generation of older adults and have an eye towards the future; and

WHEREAS, Leyden Township's food pantry supports individuals and households access to food, maintaining food security and diet quality; and

WHEREAS, Leyden Township collaborates with many community organizations to support food pantry services. Leyden Township community partners know the importance of donating to the food pantry

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because it allows the Township to better serve residents and provide resources for those in need. Individuals continue to donate to help fight hunger in their community, making a lasting difference; and

WHEREAS, Leyden Township supports their veterans. Leyden Townships Veteran Liaison advocates for those Veterans and their respective family members who are either uninformed or have given up on seeking out earned benefits; and

WHEREAS, Leyden Township is dedicated to building a stronger community through educational and recreational programming. By offering numerous activities and events, Leyden brings residents with diverse backgrounds and common interests together. Leyden Township currently has five parks, one boxing gym, a community meeting room, and one community center; and

WHEREAS, the Township with collaboration of local businesses, Sheriff's Police, the Leyden Fire Protection District, surrounding municipalities, Manage Care Organizations, Health Care Providers and Leyden Family Services believes in celebrating as a community. Community events are constantly held throughout the township, including National Night Out, a Christmas Tree Lighting, and Leyden Township's Health Fair; and

WHEREAS, Leyden Township, from leadership to their constituents, have always strived to build a township centered around strong community ties, commerce and business development, and support for the municipalities and the residents located within Leyden Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the accomplishments and contributions of Leyden Township over their 175-year history should be recognized and honored; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby celebrate and honor Leyden Township on their 175th Anniversary in May of 2025.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3096
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE BILL LOWRY AND PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LEAGUERS 70TH ANNIVERSARY AND DECLARING
MAY 30, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 2, 2025, “LEAGUERS’ WEEKEND”**

WHEREAS, the Chicago Urban League was founded in 1916 and is an affiliate of one of the largest civil rights organizations in the country; and

WHEREAS, for seven decades, the Leaguers, an auxiliary organization of the Chicago Urban League, centered community voices in cultural consciousness; and

WHEREAS, upon Muriel Ibom receiving her master’s degree from Atlanta University (no Clark-Atlanta University), the legendary Whitney M. Young, Jr. recommended Muriel Ibom for a position with the Chicago Urban League (CUL). The Chicago Urban League hired Muriel Ibom as a community representative, responsible for attending various community meetings to raise awareness about the League and to communicate the organization’s positions to people in the community; and

WHEREAS, Muriel Ibom quickly realized the League also needed fundraising support which prompted her to pull together about thirty (30) of their women friends in their twenties (20s) to support the League’s efforts. Muriel Ibom gathered women of different backgrounds who never previously worked together on any project. These women created the name for their new group: Leaguers. Three of our original members were still active until the mid-2000s - Grace Allen, Alice Griffin, and Mary Lou McDowell. Muriel Ibom once stated, “we wanted to do something positive for the Chicago Urban League,” remembers Ibom of the women she gathered; and

WHEREAS, the Leaguers’ first fundraising effort was selling chicken dinners for \$1.00 to men working at area service stations. This effort in 1955 laid the groundwork for The Leaguers auxiliary, currently one of three CUL auxiliaries.

WHEREAS, the Leaguers serve as an auxiliary to the Chicago Urban League to advance the organization’s mission and achieve the group’s civic, social, and financial objectives. The Leaguers’ members are also dedicated to the principles of the League to improve race relations and the achievement of equality and opportunity for all Chicagoans; and

WHEREAS, the Leaguers’ aims are:

- 1) to assist with CUL fundraising;
- 2) perpetuate CUL policies /programs;
- 3) interest the community in CUL’s work; and
- 4) acquaint Chicagoans with the challenges that CUL addresses; and

WHEREAS, the Leaguers previously hosted several notable events such as:

- 1) The Annual Dinner Dances Support for all CUL undertakings;
- 5) Fashion Extravaganzas. Trips to Las Vegas and Jamaica;
- 6) Masquerade Balls Membership Retreats;
- 7) Assist in CUL Membership Campaigns Theatre Parties; and
- 8) The 50th Anniversary “Golden Reflections” Gala (2005); and

WHEREAS, the main benefit of being a Leaguer is the satisfaction Leaguers experience as full partners with the League in the quest for economic and social equality as the League works to bring people into the economic mainstream.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we Bill Lowry, Cook County Commissioner of the 3rd district, and Toni Preckwinkle, president of the Cook County Board of Commissioner, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby celebrate the Leaguers 70th anniversary and do declare May 30, 2025, through June 2, 2025, “Leaguers’ Weekend”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the Leaguers as a lasting tribute to their remarkable legacy and in grateful acknowledgment of their exceptional service by the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3056
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HONORING VICTORIA LEE MOODY FOR HER OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

WHEREAS, Victoria Lee Moody, is a devoted Wife, Aunt, Sister and Daughter. Her father Richard Rudnick was a lifelong Iron worker who raised his family on a union paycheck. Vicki has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication to public service; and

WHEREAS, as a small business owner, Vicki showcased her entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, through her volunteer efforts, Vicki provided invaluable counseling and mentoring services to numerous troubled women, making a profound impact on their lives; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, Vicki has worked tirelessly in management for the Office of the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court, contributing to the office's efficiency and effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, in April 2017, Vicki made history by becoming the first woman elected to serve as a Township Highway Commissioner in Cook County, breaking down barriers and inspiring future generations of women; and

WHEREAS, Vicki served in the Executive position of Highway Commissioner. She reduced flooding and oversaw the safety and maintenance of all the roads in unincorporated Worth Township; and

WHEREAS, Vicki further solidified her legacy by being reelected to her last term in 2021, demonstrating her unwavering commitment to public service and the trust placed in her by the community; and

WHEREAS, under Vicki's leadership, she secured funding and grants that enabled the resurfacing of a record number of roads, greatly improving infrastructure and enhancing the quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, Vicki provided significant tax relief to the residents and businesses of Worth Township by freezing the Township Roads and Bridges tax levy for five years, showcasing her dedication to fiscal responsibility and community well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Victoria Lee Moody for her remarkable service, leadership, and dedication to the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Victoria Lee Moody as a token of our esteem and recognition of her outstanding achievements.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

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Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3022
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF GATLING’S CHAPEL

WHEREAS, Gatling’s Chapel was founded in 1985 by the late Lafayette Gatling Sr. and his wife, Marguerite Ewell Gatling, visionaries and trailblazers in funeral service; and

WHEREAS, the chapel has served Chicago’s South Side with care, dignity, and professionalism for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Gatling’s Chapel introduced innovative practices, including drive-thru viewings, to meet the evolving needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the funeral home has provided comfort and guidance to countless families during their most difficult times; and

WHEREAS, the Gatling family believes deeply in service, compassion, and honoring the lives of the departed; and

WHEREAS, Gatling’s Chapel has been a source of employment and mentorship for many within the community; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Mr. Gatling continues through his wife, Mrs. Marguerite Ewell Gatling; his daughters, Shirl Gatling-Lacey and Marquita Gatling; his grandchildren, Aaron Gatling, Lyric Johnson, and Melody Johnson; along with the dedicated staff of Gatling’s Chapel; and

WHEREAS, the chapel has maintained a strong commitment to cultural respect and spiritual support; and

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WHEREAS, its 40th Anniversary celebration on June 1, 2025, honors decades of leadership and lasting community impact; and

WHEREAS, Gatling's Chapel remains a trusted institution and a cornerstone of strength on the South Side of Chicago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that the Board does hereby honor and recognize Gatling's Chapel on its 40th Anniversary, express our heartfelt appreciation for its service, and wish continued success for generations to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Lafayette Gatling Sr.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3163

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE RESURRECTION PROJECT (TRP) ON THEIR 35TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, The Resurrection Project (TRP) is located at 1818 S. Paulina Street, Chicago, IL 60608 serving primarily the neighborhoods of Pilsen, Little Village, Back of the Yards, and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, TRP was founded in 1990, emerging from a grassroots effort in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood, where a group of six local parishes came together in response to the neglect, violence, and

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economic disinvestment plaguing Pilsen in the late 1980's and early 1990's; and

WHEREAS, these churches pooled \$5,000 each, creating seed capital totaling \$30,000 to launch the organization focused on community-driven change; and

WHEREAS, TRP's initial mission was to empower residents to advocate for cleaner streets, safer neighborhoods, affordable housing, and access to quality education and resources; and

WHEREAS, TRP began as a grassroots advocacy group, organizing locals to reclaim and rebuild their community; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, TRP purchased its first property, the St. Vitus complex and Zócalo plaza at 18th and Paulina, marking a shift into the real estate market housing; and

WHEREAS, by 1999, TRP had taken the lead in Pilsen's redevelopment as part of LISC Chicago's New Communities Program, bringing together a coalition to develop a multi-year neighborhood revitalization plan. and

WHEREAS, TRP has grown to include affordable housing projects, community centers, financial services, legal support, and advocacy, benefiting not only Pilsen, but also Little Village, Back of the Yards, and the wider Chicago area communities; and

WHEREAS, TRP's founding model, built on community leadership, parish support, and a mission-driven approach, laid the groundwork for decades of social impact; and

WHEREAS, the initial \$30,000 investment sparked a transformation that eventually channeled hundreds of millions in community investment and established TRP as a statewide social impact organization. and

WHEREAS, TRP's main areas of focus include affordable housing development, financial wellness and asset building, immigration legal services, community organizing and civic engagement, and health equity Wellness; and

WHEREAS, Awards received by TRP include the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Award for Outstanding Non-Profit Neighborhood Real Estate Project, Advancing Cities Award from JPMorgan Chase, Chicago Community Trust Outstanding Community Strategy of the Year, MacArthur Foundation Community Capital Grant, CDFI certification, Chicago Neighborhood Development Awards, Excellence in Community Service Award from MALDEF, and Lincoln Laureate; and

WHEREAS, TRP has invested more than \$600 million in community development, creating over 900 affordable housing units and supporting thousands of families through immigration, housing, and financial services, reaching more than 40,000 residents with direct services and outreach annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate The Resurrection Project (TRP) on its 35th anniversary and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to The Resurrection Project (TRP) in honor of its outstanding work...end

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3164

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LITTLE VILLAGE LAWDALE HIGH SCHOOL (LVLHS) ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Little Village Lawndale High School (LVLHS) is a public high school located in the South Lawndale (Little Village) neighborhood of the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the LVLHS opened in 2005 and serves students from the South Lawndale (Little Village) and North Lawndale areas; and

WHEREAS, the LVLHS originated from the community's fundamental conviction that dignified education is a human right that should be accessible to the Brown and Black young people of the South, West, and Southwest sides of the City of Chicago. Community members and advocates fought for what was promised to them about opening a new high school and led fourteen parents and grandparents to a nineteen-day hunger strike in 2001; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2001, 14 parents and community activists began a hunger strike demanding that the city move forward with building the promised school; and

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WHEREAS, the group known as "The 14" or sometimes the "Hunger Strikers" fasted for 19 days, drinking only water; and

WHEREAS, "The 14" camped outside the site at 31st Street and Kostner Avenue, drawing media attention and political pressure; and

WHEREAS, as the activists of the hunger strike continued to advocate for control of the school model, they collectively went door-to-door asking parents to create an ideal situation in which their children could learn. These surveys produced fascinating results. Parents responded that they wanted a safe, small, and academically rigorous place for their children; and

WHEREAS, out of the survey results, the LVLHS created a structure that encompassed four autonomous schools within its campus; and

WHEREAS, one of the high schools is the Multicultural Academy of Scholarships (MAS) High School that aims to celebrate art, dance, and music as part of the curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the World Language High School aims to value bilingualism and biculturalism; and

WHEREAS, in the surveys, parents also called on the educators to prepare students for the ever-increasing jobs requiring strong math, science, and technological skills, which led to the formation of the Infinity Math, Science, and Technology High School; and

WHEREAS, the final high school was established as the Greater Lawndale High School for Social Justice (SOJO). This was the result of responses from the surveys that showed a pattern of the community wanting to "keep the values of peace and equity." Parents wanted all the children who graduated from the new high school never to forget the physical, spiritual, and communal struggle it took to achieve justice; and

WHEREAS, the Infinity, Math, Science, and Technology High School prepares students for the ever-increasing jobs requiring these skills; and

WHEREAS, each school has its own principal and teaching staff, and has approximately 385 to 400 students; and

WHEREAS the LVLHS has received the 2006 Cisco Project of the Year, acknowledging the school's building project as a significant success story; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2009, each school graduated from its first Senior class. Almost ten years after the start of community meetings and organizing in 1999, children have joined their parents in celebrating both the community's struggle to achieve this milestone and their personal academic and social journeys into the adult world.

WHEREAS, as of now, LVLHS continues to be a beacon of the South and North Lawndale communities, serving approximately 1,400 students in grades 9-12 and offering Advanced Placement (AP) courses, with 29% of the students enrolled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County

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Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the staff, volunteers, and supporters of the Little Village Lawndale High School (LVLHS) on its 20th anniversary and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Little Village Lawndale High School (LVLHS) in honor of its outstanding work.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3162

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING ACCESS LIVING OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO ON THEIR 45TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago (Access Living) is a leading nonprofit and Center for Independent Living (CIL) dedicated to empowering adults with disabilities in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Access Living, founded in 1980 and headquartered at 115 W. Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60654; and

WHEREAS, Access Living is led and staffed mainly by people with disabilities, and it champions the idea of "nothing about us without us." The organization advocates for independent living, civil rights, and social equality, inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Access Living's vision is a world free from barriers and discrimination - where disability is a respected and natural part of the human experience, and people with disabilities are included and

valued; and

WHEREAS, Access Living's mission is to ignite disability power and pride, provide critical services, and break down systemic barriers to create a stronger, more inclusive society; and

WHEREAS, Access Living started a disability housing coalition that resulted in the creation of the Office on Disability Policy at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, Access Living also played a key role in drafting and passing the groundbreaking Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Access Living provides peer support, independent living skills, and individual and systemic advocacy, including help with housing discrimination, ADA compliance, domestic violence, immigration, Social Security, and public benefits; and

WHEREAS, Access Living also offers information and referral, transition assistance for youth programs and life changes, as well as public education, workshops, and civic engagement opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Access Living also organizes support groups, policy task forces, and events focused on disability; and.

WHEREAS, Access Living's building exemplifies universal and green design, featuring wheelchair-accessible elevators, smooth flooring, sensory lighting, and environmental sustainability, which has earned a Gold LEED certification rating; and

WHEREAS, although Access Living does not offer public tours routinely, private tours may be arranged upon request; and

WHEREAS, Access Living has developed a pioneering fair housing testing program to identify discrimination against people with disabilities in housing sales and rentals; and

WHEREAS, Access Living's innovative approach, combined with its youth initiative, has become a model for creating similar programs across the country; and

WHEREAS, Access Living successfully pushed for \$30 million to be allocated from the Chicago Public Schools' budget Capital Improvement Plan, making schools more accessible; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, youth leaders from Access Living led a campaign to restore millions of dollars that had been cut from the Chicago Public Schools' budget; and

WHEREAS, Access Living empowers people with disabilities through advocacy, legal support, independent living training, and public policy; and

WHEREAS, Access Living works locally, statewide, and nationally to protect rights and eliminate systemic obstacles that prevent full participation in society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago on its 45th

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago in honor of its outstanding work.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3161

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JUNE AS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, June is Alzheimer's Disease and Brain Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, and to promote overall brain health; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's Disease and Brain Awareness Month was officially recognized by the Alzheimer's Association in June 2014; and

WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer's Association, over 55 million people worldwide are currently living with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as many as 5.8 million Americans were living with Alzheimer's disease. The CDC expects that number to climb to about 95 million by 2060

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WHEREAS, right now, Alzheimer's Disease is the sixth leading cause of death among adults in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the number of people living with Alzheimer's disease doubles every five years after age 65; and

WHEREAS, more than 90% of Alzheimer's Disease cases don't show symptoms until after the age of 60. In 2018, the estimated total cost of healthcare for people with dementia and Alzheimer's was \$277 billion; and

WHEREAS, no cure currently exists, but early detection and support can improve quality of life As of 2025, approximately 7.2 million Americans aged 65+ are living with Alzheimer's Disease; and

WHEREAS, 38.6% of individuals aged 75 to 84 have Alzheimer's Disease, while 35.4% of those aged 85+; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans are nearly twice as likely, and Hispanics about 1.5 times as likely, to develop Alzheimer's compared to white Americans; and

WHEREAS, about 33% of Alzheimer's Disease patients in 2025 will be 85+ years old-a high-risk age group; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month works alongside other awareness campaigns, including National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month in November (created by President Reagan in 1983) and World Alzheimer's Disease Month in September (launched globally in 2012); and

WHEREAS, this month-long initiative aims to educate the public, support those affected, and encourage proactive steps to maintain optimal brain health.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3160

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JUNE AS NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS, National Oral Health Month is observed each June in the United States to raise awareness about the importance of maintaining good oral hygiene and its connection to overall health; and

WHEREAS, National Oral Health Month started getting official recognition and widespread backing from organizations like the American Dental Association (ADA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, National Oral Health Month evolved from ongoing public health efforts to raise awareness about dental hygiene and access to care, especially among underserved populations; and

WHEREAS, National Oral Health Month builds upon National Smile Month (UK-based, started in 1977), but the U.S. version emphasizes broader oral health issues beyond just smiling or appearance; and

WHEREAS, June was chosen as National Oral Health Month due to its alignment with summer activities and outreach events among children; and

WHEREAS, oral health affects other aspects of health such as heart disease, diabetes, pregnancy outcomes, and respiratory illnesses; and

WHEREAS, poor oral hygiene has been linked to conditions like Alzheimer's disease, showing just how deeply oral health is connected to overall health; and

WHEREAS, some groups are more likely to experience dental problems, including pregnant women, who are at higher risk of gum disease and cavities; and

WHEREAS, others include people with chronic conditions like arthritis, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, emphysema, hepatitis C, liver disease, or obesity; and

WHEREAS, those with weakened immune systems, jaw joint issues such as temporomandibular dysfunction (TMD), or bone problems are also more vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, additionally, current and former smokers, as well as those with unhealthy diets high in sugar or high-fructose corn syrup, are at increased risk; and

WHEREAS, many schools, clinics, and public health agencies use June to provide free dental screenings, educational workshops, and community events; and

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WHEREAS, some bilingual campaigns, like those in English and Spanish, take place during Oral Health Month to reach more people, predominantly Hispanic and Latino communities, which are more heavily impacted by oral health issues; and

WHEREAS, taking care of one's oral health is essential for maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes June as National Oral Health Month.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3159

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE AS PROFESSIONAL WELLNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Professional Wellness Month is observed every June to highlight the importance of well-being in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, Professional Wellness Month encourages organizations and professionals to prioritize wellness practices that support physical, mental, and emotional health at work; and

WHEREAS, the concept of employee wellness began to gain traction in the U.S. during the 1970s, influenced by growing public health movements and the realization that workplace stress was impacting productivity; and

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WHEREAS, large corporations began experimenting with wellness programs that focus on fitness, smoking cessation, and stress management; and

WHEREAS, the Employee Assistance Programs (EAPs) have grown beyond just supporting addiction and crisis to also cover mental health, work-life balance, and financial issues counseling; and

WHEREAS, groups like the National Wellness Institute played a key role in standardizing the dimensions of wellness, including physical, emotional, social, and occupational, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Professional Wellness Month is to promote a culture of health and safety in the workplace and raise awareness about stress management, work-life balance, and mental health resources is crucial; and

WHEREAS, individuals can encourage employers to adopt wellness programs and initiatives, and empower them to take charge of their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, as reported by the American Institute of Stress in 2004, 83% of U.S. workers experienced stress on the job; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Psychological Association (APA), one in five employees has dealt with burnout, anxiety, or depression at work; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) states that workplace stress results in nearly \$300 billion in lost productivity each year; and

WHEREAS, organizations with strong wellness cultures experience higher employee retention, improved productivity, lower healthcare costs, and better morale and job satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic led to significant increases in burnout and mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic sped up the prioritization of mental health, remote work challenges, and flexible scheduling; and

WHEREAS, employers have adopted comprehensive wellness models that address emotional, financial, social, and environmental wellness; and

WHEREAS, Professional Wellness Month has become a strategic time in June to launch wellness campaigns, aligning with mid-year performance and reflection.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes June as Professional Wellness Month.

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Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

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Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3158

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE AS NATIONAL MICROCHIP MONTH

WHEREAS, every June, National Microchip Month is an awareness campaign designed to promote pet microchipping as a simple, safe, and effective means of helping reunite lost pets with their owners; and

WHEREAS, by 1985, U.S.-based AVID Identification Systems, Inc. filed a patent for microchipping technology; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1980s to early 1990s, the first microchips were being implanted into pets; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the American Food and Drug Administration stated that microchipping is a safe process for both animals and humans; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 pets will become lost at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, pets with microchips are 20 times more likely to be reunited with their families; and

WHEREAS, a microchip is permanent and can't be removed or fall off like a collar; and

WHEREAS, over 10 million pets are lost each year in the U.S; and

WHEREAS, only 22% of lost dogs without microchips are returned to their owners, compared to 52% with microchips; and

WHEREAS, for cats, the numbers are even more dramatic-38% of microchipped cats make it home,

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compared to less than 2% without; and

WHEREAS, a microchip is a tiny chip (about the size of a grain of rice) implanted under a pet's skin, usually between the shoulder blades.

WHEREAS, a microchip carries a unique ID number that links to a national pet registry; and

WHEREAS, vets and shelters use scanners to read the ID and contact the registered owner; and

WHEREAS, one can register the chip with your contact information; and

WHEREAS, a pet owner should update their information anytime they move or change phone numbers, it is crucial to have their pet's chips up to date; and

WHEREAS, the individuals can have their vet scan the chip during regular checkups to ensure it's still working; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Animal & Rabies Control (ARC) hosts free or low-cost microchip clinics for pets all over the county.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes June as National Microchip Month.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3138

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING NORTH HALSTED AS A DIVERSE CORRIDOR OF NIGHTLIFE, SHOPPING, RESTAURANTS, AND ADVOCACY IN HONOR OF ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, North Halsted, located in the Lakeview neighborhood of Chicago and Cook County’s 10th District, stands as one of the most recognized LGBTQIA+ communities in the United States, proudly known as “Boystown”, the first officially designated gay village in the country; and

WHEREAS, the North Halsted corridor has evolved into a dynamic cultural and economic district defined by its inclusive spirit, vibrant nightlife, beloved restaurants, and unwavering commitment to LGBTQIA+ rights, visibility, and equality; and

WHEREAS, North Halsted has served not only as a refuge but as a national model for LGBTQIA+ activism, expression, and empowerment, continuously fostering a sense of belonging for people of all gender identities and sexual orientations; and

WHEREAS, the neighborhood is home to the **Center on Halsted**, the Midwest’s most comprehensive LGBTQIA+ community center, and to **Howard Brown Health**, a nationally recognized leader in LGBTQIA+ affirming healthcare, both of which provide vital services in health, wellness, housing, education, and advocacy for thousands of community members annually; and

WHEREAS, iconic, longtime establishments such as **Sidetrack**, which has been a fixture of LGBTQIA+ nightlife since 1982, have contributed immensely to civic engagement through voter registration drives, AIDS awareness campaigns, and inclusive community programming; and

WHEREAS, inclusive venues including **Roscoe’s Tavern**, **The Baton Show Lounge**, and **Replay Lakeview** offer platforms for LGBTQIA+ artists, performers, and advocates, while promoting a safe and affirming nightlife environment; and

WHEREAS, **Ann Sather’s**, a cherished North Halsted restaurant since 1945, became a hub of community and connection under the ownership of Tom Tunney, who in 1991 became the first openly gay entrepreneur to be appointed to the Chicago Mayor’s Advisory Council on LGBTQ Affairs, and who later made history again as Chicago’s first openly gay alderman, serving the 44th Ward with distinction from 2003 to 2023; and

WHEREAS, the **Northalsted Business Alliance** continues to uplift and promote the neighborhood’s distinct LGBTQIA+ culture while driving forward equity, economic resilience, and creative public space projects; and

WHEREAS, North Halsted proudly hosts the annual **Chicago Pride Parade** and **Northalsted Market Days**, two of the nation’s largest celebrations of LGBTQIA+ identity, drawing hundreds of thousands in joyful recognition of community, heritage, and progress; and

WHEREAS, the residents, entrepreneurs, artists, and organizers of North Halsted remain steadfast in building a Cook County where all people - regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation - are free to thrive, love openly, and live without fear or discrimination; and

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WHEREAS, the North Halsted neighborhood stands today as a living example of Cook County's highest values: diversity, courage, equity, and the fundamental dignity of all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that 10th District Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer and the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and celebrate North Halsted as a vital, historic, and inspiring corridor of nightlife, shopping, restaurants, and community advocacy that has played a transformative role in advancing LGBTQIA+ rights and visibility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the **Northalsted Business Alliance**, and other neighborhood leaders in honor of their dedication and lasting contributions to the fabric of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3139

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JUNE AS NATIONAL RETURNING YOUTH MONTH

WHEREAS, National Returning Youth Month is recognized in the month of June to raise awareness of the challenges faced by young people reentering their communities after incarceration, and to highlight the importance of providing pathways to rehabilitation, education, employment, and long-term success; and

WHEREAS, each year, thousands of youth in the United States are released from detention or correctional facilities and return to their communities, often facing systemic barriers such as limited access to housing, mental health care, education, and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has demonstrated national leadership in advancing juvenile justice reform, emphasizing a restorative approach that focuses on rehabilitation over punishment, and reducing reliance on detention through alternatives that keep youth in their communities and connected to families, schools, and supportive services; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC) has made significant strides in reducing population size, improving conditions, and partnering with community-based organizations to create a continuum of care for justice-involved youth; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Chief Judge, the Cook County Justice Advisory Council, and numerous County departments and community partners have implemented evidence-based programming designed to reduce recidivism, improve educational attainment, and increase access to trauma-informed behavioral health support; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has been a consistent champion for investments in youth opportunity, reentry support, and comprehensive reform that addresses the root causes of youth incarceration and ensures that all young people are given the tools to thrive; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging June as National Returning Youth Month allows us to celebrate the resilience of young people, affirm our commitment to second chances, and recommit ourselves to building a justice system rooted in equity, dignity, and possibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, meeting this 12th day of June, 2025, does hereby recognize the month of June as **National Returning Youth Month** in Cook County and encourages residents, agencies, and institutions to support policies and programs that promote successful youth reentry and reduce justice involvement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends the continued work of County agencies, staff, and community partners working to create a more just, compassionate, and effective juvenile justice system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be disseminated to youth-serving organizations and advocates as a sign of Cook County's commitment to the future of all its young people.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K.

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Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3140

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING NATIONAL ZOO AND AQUARIUM MONTH AND RECOGNIZING THE BROOKFIELD ZOO, SHEDD AQUARIUM, AND LINCOLN PARK ZOO FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the month of June is nationally recognized as **Zoo and Aquarium Month**, a time to highlight the important roles zoos and aquariums play in conservation, animal welfare, education, scientific research, and public engagement; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to three of the nation's leading zoological and aquatic institutions: the **Brookfield Zoo**, the **Shedd Aquarium**, and the **Lincoln Park Zoo**, each of which has earned international acclaim for their excellence and innovation; and

WHEREAS, the **Brookfield Zoo**, operated by the Chicago Zoological Society and located in Brookfield, Illinois, has welcomed millions of visitors since its opening in 1934 and is recognized for pioneering naturalistic animal exhibits and its commitment to wildlife conservation and education; and

WHEREAS, the **Shedd Aquarium**, located on Chicago's Museum Campus, has served as a global leader in marine and freshwater conservation since 1930, housing over 30,000 animals and offering groundbreaking research, rescue, and rehabilitation efforts to protect aquatic species and ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the **Lincoln Park Zoo**, one of the oldest zoos in North America and one of the few free-admission zoos in the country, continues to provide equitable access to wildlife education, while leading world-class research in animal behavior and habitat preservation; and

WHEREAS, these institutions not only serve as treasured cultural landmarks and family destinations, but also provide vital STEM education programs for students, inspire the next generation of environmental stewards, and contribute significantly to the local and regional economy; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of **National Zoo and Aquarium Month**, it is fitting that the Cook County Board of Commissioners publicly commend these three esteemed institutions for their outstanding service to the community and to global biodiversity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, meeting

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this 12th day of June, 2025, does hereby proclaim June as **National Zoo and Aquarium Month** in Cook County and expresses sincere appreciation to the **Brookfield Zoo, Shedd Aquarium, and Lincoln Park Zoo** for their unwavering dedication to conservation, education, and the enrichment of public life;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to each institution as a symbol of Cook County's gratitude and ongoing support.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3142

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LEGACY OF ST. HILARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR ITS DECADES OF FAITH, SERVICE, AND EDUCATION TO THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1928, **St. Hilary Catholic School**, located at 5614 N. Fairfield Avenue in Chicago's North Park neighborhood and Cook County's 10th District, has served as a cornerstone of Catholic education, providing a nurturing environment where faith, family, and academics thrived; and

WHEREAS, the school was staffed by the **Benedictine Sisters of St. Scholastica**, who played a pivotal role in the institution's growth and success; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of dedicated principals such as **Ms. Kristine Gritzmacher**, the school maintained a commitment to academic excellence and moral development; and

WHEREAS, the school offered a comprehensive curriculum that included arts, music, and athletics, fostering well-rounded individuals; and

WHEREAS, the school community engaged in various outreach programs, including food drives, youth activities, and support for older adults, embodying the teachings of Christ through action; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of St. Hilary Catholic School continues to inspire and influence the community, with alumni and parishioners carrying forward the values instilled during their time at the institution; and

WHEREAS, Cook County recognizes that institutions like St. Hilary's form the bedrock of neighborhood strength-offering spiritual growth, social support, and a place where values of kindness, service, and justice are lived every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners and Commissioner Bridget Gainer do hereby honor **St. Hilary Catholic School** for its extraordinary contributions to the 10th District and the greater Cook County community through nearly 100 years of unwavering service, faith, and education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the leadership, faculty, alumni, and parishioners of St. Hilary Catholic School as a lasting tribute to their legacy and profound impact on generations of families.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3149

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), BILL LOWRY and TARA S. STAMPS, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF THE RACIAL EQUITY RAPID

WHEREAS, for over 180 years, Cook County Health (hereinafter, “CCH”) provided and continues to provide health care to everyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, or ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing direct clinical care, CCH also works to identify and address social needs, including but not limited to food insecurity, housing instability, and justice involvement. Additionally, CCH has a long history of working to address structural and systemic racism and take an inclusive approach in its work; and

WHEREAS, CCH is a founding hospital member of West Side United, including Ascension Health, Lurie Children’s Hospital, RUSH, Sinai Chicago, and UI Health. CCH was also a co-convenor of the Racial Equity Rapid Respond Team (hereinafter, “RERRT”) at the request the City of Chicago Mayor’s Office, under former Mayor Lori Lightfoot; and

WHEREAS, The RERRT centered racial equity in all its efforts to address the pandemic to save lives and alleviate further harm to Black and Latinx communities; and

WHEREAS, the RERRT became a model worth replicating in other cities, including New York City, struggling to address inequitable health outcomes, including and beyond COVID-19, and the systemic issues underpinning them; and

WHEREAS, The RERRT convened communities and formed coalitions between government agencies, health providers, and community organizations. The RERRT identified needs and disparities by gathering community insight, advocating for resources, championing reliable data and information, and promoting healthy behavior; and

WHEREAS, The RERRT partnered with twenty-one (21) healthcare providers to proactively reach out to patients in communities most impacted by COVID-19, contacting approximately 75,000 patients. Of those who provided race/ethnicity information, 48% self-identified as Black and 40% self-identified as Latinx; and

WHEREAS, RERRT’s key local partners included, City of Chicago Mayor’s Office, Chicago Department of Public Health, West Side United, Civic Consulting Alliance, Rush University Medical Center, Sinai Urban Health Institute, University of Chicago, Advocate Health, University of Illinois Chicago, Austin Coming Together, Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation, South Shore Works, Enlace, Latinos Progresando, NW Side Housing Center, ChiByDesign, South West Organizing Project, Chicago COVID Response Fund, Oprah Winfrey Charitable Foundation and more; and

WHEREAS, The RERRT in partnership with the Civic Consulting Alliance facilitated collaboration between healthcare providers, which culminated in an unprecedented joint statement in mid-June, in which forty (40) institutions spoke out in a unified voice to declare racism a public health crisis and pledge collective action to improve health equity; and

WHEREAS, The RERRT worked to place testing sites in historically underserved communities, resulting in eight (8) testing sites in RERRT target locations and mobile testing sites to making testing more accessible; and

WHEREAS. The RERRT in partnership with local and national philanthropy secured financial support for those most impacted by COVID-19, including \$3.1M in grants secured by partners, \$155K in rent assistance, and cash assistance, including \$120K for 120 individuals ineligible for federal stimulus dollars; and

WHEREAS, within the first two (2) months of its launch, the RERRT distributed critical resources to communities, including 130,000 masks and 13,000 plus meals, reaching 8,000 households and more than 2,000 seniors. The RERRT enabled public access to COVID-19 data via a Slalom dashboard providing testing, case, and death rates by race/ethnicity and at the zip code-level establishing Chicago as a national leader in data transparency; and

WHEREAS, The RERRT commissioned the Driving Equitable Resource Distribution report compiled by ChiByDesign proposing five (5) strategies and fourteen (14) guiding principles to ensure cross collaboration between business, government and philanthropy.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF THE 3rd DISTRICT, TARA STAMPS, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF THE 1st DISTRICT, AND TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, along with our colleagues on the Cook County Board recognize the efforts of the Racial Equity Rapid Response Team and its alignment with Cook County's continued commitment to eliminating structural and systemic racism by promoting health equity and advocating for equity in healthcare, education, employment, public safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the Racial Equity Rapid Response Team as a lasting tribute to their remarkable and enduring work in grateful acknowledgment of its exceptional service by the **Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd. District.**

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3150

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and BILL LOWRY, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF JUNETEENTH

WHEREAS, 160 years ago on June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and issued General Order No. 3, with news the Civil War ended and the enslaved were free; and

WHEREAS, prior to Major General Gordon Granger's issuance of General Order No. 3, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862. The Emancipation Proclamation declared slaves in the Confederate states, "shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free." Subsequently, the issuance of General Order No.3 came nearly two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation went into effect on January 1, 1863; and

WHEREAS, the Emancipation Proclamation laid the groundwork for the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution abolishing slavery throughout the United States and its territories; and

WHEREAS, formerly enslaved African Americans, along with free African Americans known as freedmen, in the Southwest region of the United States of America celebrated June 19th, commonly known as "Juneteenth Independence Day" as the anniversary of their emancipation; and

WHEREAS, African Americans from the Southwest region continued the tradition of celebrating Juneteenth Independence Day as inspiration and encouragement for future generations; and

WHEREAS, now, Juneteenth, also known as "Emancipation Day," and "Freedom Day," continues to be the most recognized and the oldest African American commemorations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, for 160 years, Juneteenth Independence Day celebrations have been held to honor and commemorate African American freedom throughout the country.

WHEREAS, now June 19th, is now officially recognized as a ceremonial holiday in all fifty (50) states in some form. Texas was the first to declare Juneteenth a state holiday in 1980 and Illinois in 2022. Additionally, twenty-nine (29) of the fifty states, recognize Juneteenth as a paid holiday. Illinois recognized Juneteenth as a paid state holiday in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Cook County, the largest county in Illinois, and second largest county in the United States by population, declared Juneteenth a county holiday on December 17, 2020, with a unanimous vote; and

WHEREAS, in January 2021, Cook County established the Cook County Juneteenth Planning Committee partnering with organizations and communities to celebrate contributions of the many African Americans from the past and present whose families were liberated, thereby allowing them to be free

WHEREAS, Cook County Juneteenth Planning Committee partners with separate elected officials, community-based organizations, residents, and Juneteenth Illinois NFP Inc. on its annual Juneteenth Illinois Celebration, including the (1) Juneteenth Illinois Pres Conference, (2) Juneteenth Scholarship Reception, (3) panel discussions centered around Juneteenth program principles (Health, Justice, Education and Wealth), and other events celebrating the history and importance of Juneteenth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the President of the Board, along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby honor and recognize the 160th anniversary of Juneteenth throughout Cook County; observing Juneteenth with appropriate activities to heighten awareness of Juneteenth and to stimulate continuing inquiry into this rich vein of the American experience; and hereby commemorate the month of June as Juneteenth Month in Cook County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body to commemorate this auspicious occasion. **Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd. District.**

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3155

Sponsored by: DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING GREGORY COLES, FOUNDER OF SELOC LLC, AS A TRAILBLAZER IN AUTOMOTIVE INNOVATION AND LEADER IN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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WHEREAS, Gregory Coles, a distinguished leader and innovator in the automotive industry, has demonstrated exceptional foresight, determination, and inventive spirit, particularly within the Black automotive community;

WHEREAS, Gregory Coles founded SELOC LLC in 2019, a pioneering company dedicated to reducing automotive carbon emissions through innovative electrification solutions and fleet retrofit programs;

WHEREAS, under his visionary leadership, SELOC LLC has developed a comprehensive, vehicle-agnostic platform that supports the electrification of fleets, promotes local economic growth, and creates employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, Gregory Coles has championed the development of the Electric Vehicle Conversion Program (ECP), which provides technical training and workforce development for individuals aged 18 and older, thereby fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion within the industry;

WHEREAS, his efforts have significantly contributed to the reduction of harmful emissions, including hundreds of thousands of pounds of CO₂, and have promoted sustainable practices in transportation, particularly in converting school and city buses to electric power;

WHEREAS, Gregory Coles's commitment to innovation, environmental stewardship, pilot projects, and community upliftment exemplifies the highest standards of leadership and service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of Cook County, hereby recognize and commend Gregory Coles for his groundbreaking contributions to automotive technology, environmental sustainability, and economic development;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body extends its deepest appreciation to Gregory Coles for his continued dedication to creating a cleaner, more equitable, and innovative future for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Gregory Coles.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3130

Sponsored by: DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MSE INC. & MILLENNIUM SOLAR ELECTRIC TRAINING ACADEMY (MSETA) FOR THEIR LEADING ROLE IN THE SOUTHLAND'S SOLAR ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

WHEREAS, over the past decade, the adoption of solar energy has significantly contributed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving air quality, and combating climate change across Illinois and the United States; and

WHEREAS, solar power has transitioned from a niche technology to a vital component of the clean energy economy, helping communities reduce reliance on fossil fuels, create local jobs, and foster sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, Millennium Solar Electric Inc. (MSE Inc.) and Millennium Solar Electric Training Academy (MSETA) have emerged as pioneering leaders in this movement within the South Suburban region of Illinois, embodying innovation, community engagement, and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, under the visionary leadership of Christopher W. Williams, MSE Inc. and MSETA have not only followed the path of renewable energy adoption but are also breaking new ground by developing scalable community solar projects, advancing workforce training, and promoting equity in access to clean energy solutions; and

WHEREAS, these organizations have demonstrated a remarkable commitment to creating sustainable, community-driven solar energy solutions while building local workforce capacity in underserved and minority communities, including returning citizens, through high-quality training, apprenticeship programs, and strategic partnerships; and

WHEREAS, MSE Inc. and MSETA are currently leading the charge with innovative initiatives such as the Dolton Community Solar Project, which aims to supply clean energy to local government facilities, support energy savings goals, and serve as a training ground for local residents and small contractors, thus setting a new standard for community-led renewable energy development; and

WHEREAS, their work over the past decade has resulted in over 700 trained solar technicians, apprenticeship completion rates exceeding 85%, and a significant number of graduates securing meaningful employment in the solar and electrical industries, thereby strengthening the regional economy and promoting social equity; and

WHEREAS, the impact of solar energy on environmental quality over the last decade has been profound-reducing carbon emissions, improving air and water quality, and helping combat the effects of

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climate change-while organizations like MSE Inc. and MSETA continue to innovate and expand these benefits into new communities and markets; and

WHEREAS, these organizations are exemplifying how sustainable energy solutions can be integrated with workforce development and community empowerment to create a resilient, equitable, and environmentally responsible future for Illinois and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the South Suburban region, and Cook County at large, stand to benefit immensely from the continued leadership, innovation, and dedication of MSE Inc. and MSETA as they forge new pathways toward a cleaner, greener, and more inclusive energy landscape; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that we commend and honor Millennium Solar Electric Inc. and Millennium Solar Electric Training Academy for their exemplary efforts in promoting renewable energy, workforce inclusion, and community empowerment in the Southland region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we recognize their pioneering spirit in advancing solar technology and community-based projects, which are not only helping to mitigate environmental impacts but also creating economic opportunities and fostering social equity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we applaud their leadership in building a sustainable future by expanding access to clean energy, promoting innovative training, and inspiring other organizations and communities to follow their example in breaking new ground in renewable energy development

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be presented to MSE INC. & Millenium Solar Electric Training Academy.

Presented by 5th District Cook County Commissioner Dr. Kisha E. McCaskill on this 12th day of June, 2025.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3141

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING BLACK INFERTILITY AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH WEEK IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Black women in the United States experience unacceptably poor maternal health outcomes, including disproportionately high rates of death related to pregnancy or childbirth, and are three to four times more likely to experience a pregnancy-related death than white women, numbers that are mirrored in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, a person's race should never determine their health outcomes, and pregnancy and childbirth should be safe for all. However, for far too many Black women, safety and equity have been tragically denied due to generations of systemic disadvantages in health care delivery and health care access, including lack of access to health care information and services, lack of insurance coverage, denial of therapeutics, limited access to contraceptive services, and cultural biases and discrimination in medical practice and medical education; and

WHEREAS, additionally overall reproductive health challenges affecting Black individuals and families related to challenges such as infertility are related to lack of equitable healthcare access, and the systemic barriers that contribute to reproductive health disparities in the Black community; and

WHEREAS, reproductive health is a lifelong journey that encompasses infertility, maternal health, menopause, and overall gynecological well-being, all of which disproportionately impact the Black community; and

WHEREAS, black women experience higher rates of infertility, higher risks of pregnancy-related complications, and more severe menopausal symptoms, yet often receive less access to quality care, fewer treatment options, and inadequate medical support. However, it is equally important to acknowledge the reproductive health challenges faced by Black men, an often-overlooked aspect of reproductive health in our community; and

WHEREAS, black men face significant barriers to understanding and addressing their reproductive health. Male infertility, which accounts for 50% of infertility cases, is rarely discussed or diagnosed in Black communities. Additionally, Black men face cultural stigmas around discussing infertility, further contributing to delays in diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, there are also significant health disparities impacting Black men, such as higher rates of obesity, diabetes, and hypertension, which can all negatively affect reproductive health. Yet, despite the clear need, Black men receive less access to male fertility assessments and treatments, leading to missed opportunities for addressing these issues earlier in their reproductive journeys; and

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WHEREAS, infertility alone is a widespread issue, affecting millions of individuals. It is defined as the inability to conceive after one year of unprotected intercourse for women under 35 and six months for women 35 and older; and

WHEREAS, black individuals experience infertility at disproportionately high rates, with 30% of Black women, men, and couples struggling to conceive, higher than their White counterparts. Additionally, conditions such as uterine fibroids, which affect 80% of Black women by age 50, and sickle cell disease, which disproportionately affects Black individuals, increase the risk of infertility; and

WHEREAS, beyond medical challenges, the stigma surrounding infertility and reproductive health issues in the Black community creates profound emotional and psychological distress. In a culture where family and motherhood are deeply valued, many suffer in silence-discouraged from seeking help or speaking openly about their struggles. This silence exacerbates feelings of isolation and contributes to adverse maternal health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, to confront this crisis, Fertility for Colored Girls & The Guys is launching "**Hold On to Hope: Infertility and Reproductive Health in the Black Community**," a groundbreaking documentary that will feature personal stories from men and women, expert insights, discussions on disparities, and advocacy efforts. This documentary will serve as a powerful educational tool and a call to action, shedding light on the realities of Black reproductive health while providing hope and resources to those in need; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body wishes to promote equitable access to fertility resources, and advocate for culturally competent reproductive healthcare across all stages of life, from fertility to menopause, and for both Black women and men;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners thanks and supports the efforts of Fertility for Colored Girls & The Guys and encourages advocacy for the official recognition of National Black Infertility and Reproductive Health Week, to be observed beginning June 23, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in support of these efforts, be it hereby declared that the week of June 23, 2025, be commemorated as National Black Infertility and Reproductive Health Week in the County of Cook; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to Fertility for Colored Girls & The Guys as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent

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Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3134

Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JUNE 18TH AS KEFIR DAY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Kefir is a fermented milk drink similar to a thin yogurt or ayran that is made from kefir grains; and

WHEREAS, Kefir dates back to the Bronze Age. Traditional kefir was made in goatskin bags that were hung near a doorway; the bags would be knocked by anyone passing through to keep the milk and kefir grains well mixed; and

WHEREAS, the name Kefir comes from the Turkish word “keyif,” which refers to the “good feeling” a person gets after drinking it; and

WHEREAS, Kefir is rich in probiotics, B vitamins, vitamin C, and calcium; and

WHEREAS, Kefir also contains antioxidants and is said to improve nutrient absorption. The list of health benefits associated with probiotic-rich foods grows consistently year after year; and

WHEREAS, Kefir supports skin health by promoting a balanced gut micro biome which can reduce inflammation and improve conditions like acne, eczema and dryness; and

WHEREAS, Kefir supports mental health by nourishing the gut microbiome which plays a key role in regulating mood, stress response, and cognitive function through the gut-health axis; and

WHEREAS, Kefir is a high-quality protein source, providing all nine essential amino acids needed for muscle repair and overall body function: and

WHEREAS, Kefir is one of the best cultured foods to enjoy and is easy to use. Kefir is correlated with a wide range of health benefits, including an improved digestive system, a healthy gut, lower blood pressure and cholesterol, cancer prevention, improved immune systems, and reduced asthma and allergies; and

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WHEREAS, Cook County is the kefir capital of the world producing more kefir here for global consumption than anywhere else: and

WHEREAS, promoting awareness of kefir and its benefits can encourage healthier dietary choices and contribute to improved public health; and

WHEREAS, establishing a dedicated 'Kefir Day' will serve as an annual opportunity to educate the public about kefir, celebrate its cultural significance, and highlight its nutritional and health advantages; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes that food is medicine and that June 18th officially be declared Kefir Day in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 'Kefir Day' shall be an occasion to promote education and awareness regarding the numerous benefits and importance of kefir; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Lifeway Foods, Inc.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3136

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY 2025 AND CELEBRATING ITS OBSERVANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF VEDIC WELLNESS (IUVW), STREAMWOOD, IL

WHEREAS, in September 2014, the Honorable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, in his address to the United Nations General Assembly proposed that June 21st, the Summer Solstice and longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, be recognized globally as International Yoga Day in acknowledgment of Yoga's profound universal significance; and

WHEREAS, in his address, Prime Minister Modi affirmed that "Yoga is an invaluable gift of our ancient tradition. Yoga embodies the unity of mind and body, thought and action... a holistic approach that is valuable to our health and well-being. Yoga is not just about exercise; it is a path to discover the sense of oneness with yourself, with the world, and with nature."; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations, recognizing the timeless relevance of this ancient practice, proclaimed June 21st as International Day of Yoga on December 11, 2014, through UN Resolution 69/131, co-sponsored by a record 175 member states, symbolizing a global commitment to promoting harmony, health, and well-being; and

WHEREAS, 2025 marks the 11th International Day of Yoga, celebrated worldwide under the theme 'Yoga for One Earth, One Health', a reminder that individual well-being and planetary wellness are deeply interconnected; and

WHEREAS, Yoga, originating in India over 3,000 years ago is a comprehensive system of physical postures, breathwork, meditation, and spiritual wisdom designed to foster harmony of body and mind; and

WHEREAS, the Sanskrit word 'Yoga' derives from the root 'Yuj', meaning 'to join' or 'to unite', symbolizing the integration of body, mind, and consciousness; and

WHEREAS, the regular practice of yoga strengthens the body, calms the mind, sharpens awareness, and cultivates mindfulness, empowering individuals to lead healthier, more balanced, and more sustainable lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, through personal transformation, yoga fosters greater compassion for the world, echoing the Indian ethos of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam meaning "the world is one family", reminding us that in caring for ourselves, we also care for the Earth; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with this spirit, the International University of Vedic Wellness (IUVW), Streamwood, IL, an esteemed institution dedicated to preserving and promoting Vedic knowledge, Ayurveda, Yoga, and holistic well-being, will proudly host celebratory events and educational programs in observance of International Yoga Day 2025, bringing together community members, students, scholars, and wellness practitioners to honor this global tradition and inspire collective well-being; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does for the first time hereby recognize June 21, 2025, as International Yoga Day, and encourages all residents to explore, learn, and experience the timeless benefits of Yoga for personal health, community harmony, and planetary balance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to the International University of Vedic Wellness (IUVW), Streamwood, IL, in recognition for its leadership in celebrating this occasion and for its ongoing

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contributions to advancing wellness, wisdom, and unity in our community and beyond.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3135

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, MAGGIE TREVOR, JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, SCOTT R. BRITTON, TARA S. STAMPS, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, FRANK J. AGUILAR, JOSINA MORITA and DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING PRIDE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month is celebrated every June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan and works to achieve equal justice and opportunity for LGBTQIA+ Americans, as well as recognize the impact that LGBTQIA+ individuals have had on society at local, national, and international levels; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Riots were a series of demonstrations in which members of the LGBTQIA+ community protested police raids and harassment and marked the beginning of the modern LGBTQIA+ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the first Pride March was held in New York City on June 28, 1970, on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA+ movement and its allies have fought hard to win the right to one's gender, to marry, and to start families while also continuing to fight against hate speech, hate crimes, and ongoing discrimination targeted at both the personal and legal levels; and

WHEREAS, the current national political environment has created very real legal and physical dangers for the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, in 2024, the number of anti-LGBTQ+ groups increased by about 13% from the previous year; and

WHEREAS, according to the ACLU there are over 588 anti-LGBTQ+ bills introduced in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, according to the ACLU, almost 60 of these introduced anti-LGBTQ+ bills have already passed in several states, including Iowa's S.F.418 signed by Governor Kim Reynolds on February 28, 2025, that removed "gender identity" protections from discrimination in housing, employment, wages and public accommodations from the state's civil rights code in addition to removing transgender Iowans' ability to change their sex designation on a birth certificate after receiving medical transition care.; and

WHEREAS, according to the GLAAD ALERT Desk, in 2024 there at least 918 anti-LGBTQ incidents across the US - the equivalent of 2.5 incidents every day; and

WHEREAS, according to GLAAD, there have been 2,242 attacks on LGBTQ+ individuals since June 2022; and

WHEREAS, according to the February 2025 brief from the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law 'Anti-LGBT Victimization in the United States', researchers found that recent developments and years of attacks on the LGBTQ+ community can lead to increased violence against LGBTQ+ people; and

WHEREAS, the brief goes on to note that "researchers found that following Trump campaign rallies in 2016, which the authors described as containing hate rhetoric, there was an increase in hate-motivated incidents in the counties where the rallies happened as compared to other counties and the same counties prior to the rally"; and

WHEREAS, the brief also mentions that "Following online attacks on transgender care, hospitals and doctors faced increased harassment, including death threats. This rhetoric and the anti-LGBT sentiments it promotes can lead to adverse mental health outcomes for LGBT people"; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is observed each year to center the ongoing issues of the community while also celebrating its rich history, successes, stories; and

WHEREAS, a new study from Northeastern University in Boston reveals companies with LGBTQ+ board members outperform their rivals that don't have the same representation, finding that Fortune 500 companies with LGBTQ+ board members outperform their peers in both financial and non-financial metrics; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2025, Washington Governor Bob Ferguson signed into law H.B. 1296 which bans discrimination against marginalized groups, including LGBTQ+ people, establishes clear complaint procedures for when violations occur, and also limits parental access to children's health care and counseling information, protecting LGBTQ+ students from being outed to their parents without their consent; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2025, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals issued its decision against Florida's SB 1438 that sought to make it a crime to admit young people to any performance, exhibit, play, or show that the state deems inappropriate - including drag shows - even if the child's parents think it is appropriate for their family, with the court calling the law overbroad and saying that it attempts to take a "shotgun" to constitutionally protected free speech rights; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2025, the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) reaffirmed its current policy that trans athletes can continue to participate in high school sports competitions, despite the demands to exclude trans athletes by the Trump administration and Illinois Republican lawmakers; and

WHEREAS, the annual iconic Chicago Pride Parade is one of the largest Pride events in the country during which residents throughout Cook County, Illinois, and the nation have the opportunity to come together, celebrate, and stand as one with the LGBTQIA+ community, their families, and friends; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Pride Parade will return for its 54th year with a message of solidarity amid a volatile political climate under the theme of "United in Pride" on June 29, 2025, at 11 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA+ community is an important contributor to the diverse and vibrant communities across Cook County and as such Cook County must continue to loudly and proudly fight to affirm, welcome, and protect this community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim June 2025 to be Pride Month in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recommit to strengthening the advancement of equity for the LGBTQIA+ community across Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3115

Sponsored by: TARA S. STAMPS, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., MAGGIE TREVOR and JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING JUNE 6 AS GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION DAY IN COOK COUNTY AND IMPLEMENTING “WEAR ORANGE DAY” ACROSS ALL COUNTY AGENCIES

WHEREAS, gun violence remains a public health crisis affecting communities across Cook County, particularly in historically disinvested Black and Brown neighborhoods where trauma, grief, and inequity persist; and

WHEREAS, the United States recorded over 48,800 gun deaths in 2021-including more than 26,000 suicides and nearly 21,000 homicides-the highest number in a single year, according to the 2023 Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health report; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Cook County Medical Examiner’s Office reported 1,087 gun-related homicides, and 739 such homicides in 2023, reflecting a continuing crisis that demands coordinated, urgent, and community-centered action; and

WHEREAS, gun violence is now the leading cause of death for children and young adults in the United States, and Black Americans are over 10 times more likely than white Americans to die by firearm homicide; and

WHEREAS, Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old honor student from King College Prep High School in Chicago, was tragically killed in 2013-just days after performing at President Barack Obama’s second inauguration-catalyzing a national movement; and

WHEREAS, in Hadiya’s honor, the color orange-her favorite-has become a national symbol for gun violence awareness and is worn each year on June 6, now recognized as Gun Violence Prevention Day; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, along with Congresswoman Robin Kelly, introduced a federal resolution in 2025 formally recognizing June 6 as National Gun Violence Prevention Day; and

WHEREAS, community organizations such as Moms Demand Action, organizing both nationally and locally within the 1st District of Cook County, have played a vital role in mobilizing awareness, policy advocacy, and survivor support across neighborhoods impacted by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, Bertha Parham, a dedicated leader with Moms Demand Action in the 1st District, has led

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with compassion, courage, and clarity, standing as a pillar of strength and advocacy for families throughout the district and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Cook County recognizes that lasting change requires partnership with community leaders and organizations, and that voices on the frontlines-like those of Moms Demand Action-must inform the County's response; and

WHEREAS, Cook County, via the Justice Advisory Council, has made strategic investments in community-based violence prevention initiatives, including the historic \$110 million Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Grant made possible through the American Rescue Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, two complementary initiatives managed by the Justice Advisory Council-Cook County Community Violence Intervention (CC-CVI) and Cook County Wraparound Services for Survivors of Gun Violence (CC-SGV)-are launching this summer to further improve community safety; and

WHEREAS, additional community safety investments include JAC-led programs such as Cook County Reconnect, the Domestic Violence Intervention and Support Services Initiative, and behavioral health grants under *Stronger Together: Building a More Equitable Behavioral Health System in Cook County*, managed by Cook County Health; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Cook County helped form the Government Alliance for Safe Communities to improve coordination and maximize the impact of investments in violence prevention by the State of Illinois, Cook County, and the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the Government Alliance for Safe Communities has established key partnerships with philanthropic, business, research, and nonprofit stakeholders to support the sustainability and lasting impact of violence prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Clerk's Office has participated in Gun Violence Prevention Day by encouraging staff to observe "Wear Orange Day" and stand in solidarity with victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Tara Stamps, a lifelong educator and advocate for equity and justice, urges all County departments, agencies, and staff to honor the lives lost and stand united in pursuit of a safer, more just future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, that June 6-or the first Friday of each June-shall be designated as Gun Violence Prevention Day in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Cook County agencies are encouraged to observe "Wear Orange Day" on June 6 by encouraging staff to wear orange, host awareness activities, and collaborate with community partners to educate and engage the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body extends its deepest gratitude to Moms Demand Action - 1st District Chapter and to Bertha Parham for their unyielding leadership, advocacy, and commitment to saving lives in Cook County; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recommits to

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supporting evidence-based, community-led solutions to gun violence and shares this resolution as a formal declaration of its commitment to honor the lives we've lost and protect the lives we can still save..

Approved and adopted this 12th of June 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, McCaskill, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

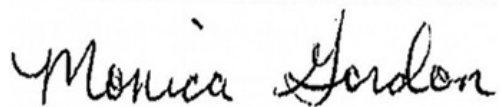
Absent: Commissioner Lowry, Moore, and Morita (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on July 24, 2025, in accordance with County Board Resolution 25-0986.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.



COOK COUNTY CLERK