



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**BOARD AGENDA**

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 1:00 PM**

**Consent Calendar Meeting**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Pursuant to Cook County Code of Ordinances, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon at this time to deliver testimony germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three (3) minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Pursuant to Cook County Code, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Consent Calendar Resolutions for your consideration. The Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

[19-4802](#)

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****CELEBRATING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF STEVE “SILK” HURLEY**

**WHEREAS**, Steve “Silk” Hurley has amassed a three-decade career as one of the most decorated music producers, remixers, songwriters, and DJs in Chicago music history; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Silk Hurley was born on November 9th, 1962 in Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, After graduating from Lindblom High School, Steve Silk Hurley enrolled in junior college. He would leave junior college to pursue a full-time career in the music industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Silk Hurley gained a positive reputation early in his career as a well-respected house music DJ for his unique style of mixing; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Silk Hurley used his unique DJ style to release his first single “Music is the Key” which reached #9 on the Billboard charts. This single propelled him as a prominent music producer; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Silk Hurley teamed with vocalist Keith Nunnally to form the group J.M. Silk. The group toured the country performing songs such as “Jack Your Body” which reached #1 on the U.K. National Chart for two consecutive weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, after creating a string of #1 hits under the RCA Record label, Steve Silk Hurley pioneered a new style of remixing that included replacing the original song with a completely new rhythm track. This creativity has led many to declare Steve Silk Hurley as one of the greatest remixers of all time; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Silk Hurley translated his success as a house music DJ to writing where he wrote songs and collaborated with artists such as Michael Jackson, Prince, CeCe Peniston, Ten City, J-Lo, Madonna, Janet Jackson, Chaka Khan, Liza Minelli, and others. Steve Silk Hurley also contributed to the soundtracks for the movies of “To Wong Foo” and “Love & Basketball”; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Silk Hurley has created many record labels over his career including: Silk Entertainment Records, ID Records, Echotron Records, S&S Records, S&S Chicago Inc.. and DJ World Records. Thanks to his leadership, each music label has achieved both national and international success; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 24 years, Steve Silk Hurley has appeared on the Tom Joyner Morning Show. His “Old Skool, New Skool Remix” can be heard every Tuesday and Thursday on 128 radio stations across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Silk Hurley was elected President and Trustee at the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences Chicago (NARAS Chicago) where he led Grammy in the Schools” program and others that reached underserved youth throughout all of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Silk Hurley considers his four Grammy nominations to be the pinnacle of his career; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the millions of our county residents, does hereby congratulate Steve “Silk” Hurley on a successful 30-year career in the music industry and his many contributions that have positively impacted the lives of many citizens of Cook County; and

**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 Steve “Silk” Hurley and his family in recognition of this honor.

[19-5075](#)

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**DANIEL A. MOY, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS** Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Daniel Moy from our midst, and

**WHEREAS** Daniel Moy was the loving and adored husband of LiYing, and

**WHEREAS** Daniel Moy was the amazing father of Zachery and Wesley, and

**WHEREAS** Daniel Moy was the beloved son of Haven and Helen, and

**WHEREAS** Daniel Moy was the dear brother of Jane, Jennifer (Christopher), Sharon, and

**WHEREAS** all who knew him will attest that Daniel Moy was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family, now therefore

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Daniel Moy, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[19-5079](#)

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**DAVID CARL LARSON, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS** Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called David Larson from our midst, and

**WHEREAS** David Larson was the beloved and adored husband of Sharon nee Gudas, and

**WHEREAS** David Larson was the loving father of Donna Larson-Sheptock, Don (Debra) Larson and Kathleen (Greg) Larson, and

**WHEREAS** David Larson was the cherished grandfather of Jimmy (Michelle), Cole (Michele) and Nathan Sheptock, Trent (Daniella), Tyler (Taylor) and Ethan Larson and Nicole Lehr, and

**WHEREAS** David Larson was the beloved son of the late Earnest and late Ann Larson, and

**WHEREAS** David Larson was the dear brother of Roy (Helene), late Robert (late Jean), late Howard (Noreen), late Ernie (Yvonne), late Bill (late Lillian), late Jerry (late Dorothy) and the late Clifford "Skip" (Leona) Larson, and

**WHEREAS** all who knew him will attest that David Larson was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family, now therefore

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of David Larson, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[19-5082](#)

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**EUGENE R. SULLIVAN, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS** Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Eugene Sullivan from our midst, and

**WHEREAS** Eugene Sullivan was the beloved and adored husband of Margaret (nee Kocich), and

**WHEREAS** Eugene Sullivan was the loving father of the late Linda and the late Michael, and

**WHEREAS** Eugene Sullivan was the cherished grandfather of Lisa (Ray), and

**WHEREAS** Eugene Sullivan was the fond great grandfather of Ricky and Jeremy, and

**WHEREAS** Eugene Sullivan was the dear brother of Joan (Sam) Cuomo, and the late Dolores (late Charles) Burton, and

**WHEREAS** all who knew him will attest that Eugene Sullivan was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family, now therefore

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Eugene Sullivan, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[19-5238](#)

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**JAMES J. MCDONOUGH, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called James J. McDonough from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, James J. McDonough was the dearly beloved husband of Jacque (Moynihan); and

**WHEREAS**, James J. McDonough was the devoted father of Maureen (Dan) Curley and Jim (Jennifer) McDonough; and

**WHEREAS**, James J. McDonough was the loving grandfather of MaryKate, Jack, Tim Curley, and Quinn McDonough; and

**WHEREAS**, James J. McDonough was the devoted son of the late Maurice and the late Mary McDonough (nee Burke); and

**WHEREAS**, James J. McDonough was the dear brother of the late Therese (Bob) Dillon, and the late Marge (Mitch) Koziana; and

**WHEREAS**, James J. McDonough was the fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS**, James J. McDonough touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that James J. McDonough was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of James J. McDonough and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of James J. McDonough so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[19-5312](#)

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**GEORGE R. RANDAZZO, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, on July 28, 2019, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called George Randazzo from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, George Randazzo was the beloved husband of Linda (nee Collins) and devoted father of Anthony (Vivian) and Marc (Yesenia) Randazzo; and

**WHEREAS**, George Randazzo was the dear brother of Rosemary Favia; and

**WHEREAS**, George Randazzo was the loving grandfather of Phillip, Linda Marie, Marc Anthony, Ashleigh, Angelina, Ava Bella, Sebastian, Valentina, and Vittoria; and

**WHEREAS**, George Randazzo, born on October 21, 1941, grew up in the classic Italian neighborhood along Chicago Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, George Randazzo was a proud U.S. Army veteran, having served eleven months in Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1977, George Randazzo founded the Boxing Hall of Fame. He threw a grand inaugural gala with every living Italian American boxing legend alive at the time. The event captured the attention of other sports greats, including Joe DiMaggio, who advised him to honor Italian American legends in all sports; and

**WHEREAS**, one year later, George Randazzo created the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame housed in a rented storefront in Elmwood Park and later moved to a larger location in Arlington Heights; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004, George Randazzo put a leadership team together to build the organization's own building in Little Italy on Taylor Street. The 44,000-square-foot Colangelo Center was completed in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, after forty years, with almost 300 inductees, more than \$6 million in scholarships have been

awarded through the Hall of Fame that was George's vision; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout is life, George Randazzo received countless awards, including the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of George Randazzo; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of George Randazzo so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[19-5351](#)

**Sponsored by:** BILL LOWRY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING GREG HINTON, BLACK UNITED FUND OF ILLINOIS BOARD CHAIRMAN**

**WHEREAS**, Greg Hinton grew up with his parents and six siblings on Chicago's south side in an area affectionately known as the "Low End" but now commonly referred to as Bronzeville; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Hinton attended Wendell Phillips High School and, through the mentorship of the legendary educational counselor and advocate at Ada S. McKinley Center on 29th and Dearborn, Silas Purnell, attended University of Illinois at Champaign; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Hinton's education prepared him for his eventual service and leadership in his community; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Hinton received approximately 57 awards and commendations over the course of his career and held seven executive positions with Fortune 500 companies as the first-ever Diversity Officer. These companies included R.R. Donnelley, Amtrak, Advocate Health Care, Pepsi (where he lived in Poland for three years), Abbott Labs and U.S. Cellular. Greg Hinton also became the first Diversity Officer of the Democratic National Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Hinton was an active community board member of 17 local and national organizations, including Habilitative Systems Inc., League of Black Women, Athletes Against Drugs, Chicago Minority Business Development Council, Chicago State Foundation and many others; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Hinton always found time to encourage, mentor, and give a hug or handshake of reassurance, to anyone regardless of the person's situation, further assuring him or her their situation would improve; and

**WHEREAS**, Greg Hinton's impact as a leader, community pillar, and friend will continue to positively affect lives in his neighborhood, the City of Chicago, and Cook County for many years to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd DISTRICT**, do hereby stand, and salute the life changing work of Greg Hinton.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of; and Greg Hinton

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:** a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the **Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District**.

[19-5352](#)

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOSEPH FRANCIS RANDLE, RETIRED COOK COUNTY BUILDING AND ZONING INSPECTOR**

**WHEREAS**, on May 3, 2019, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Joseph Francis Randle from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Francis Randle was born in Chicago on March 2, 1951 and grew up on the west side. He attended St. Charles Borromeo and Presentation Catholic Grammar Schools and served as an altar boy; and

**WHEREAS**, as a boy and young man, he became active in the Boy Scouts, achieving the high rank of Eagle Scout; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Randle attended St. Philip Catholic High School and the University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana, where he studied architecture. After completing two years of study, he left school to work as an apprentice in an architectural firm; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Randle later attended the University of Illinois in Chicago to finish his degree in Architecture and graduated in 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 7, 1977 Joseph Randle married the love of his life, Bernadine Smith, with whom he shared a joyous union until his passing; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Randle was a valuable and highly respected and liked member of the Cook County Building and Zoning Department for twenty seven years and retired in December, 2018.

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his stellar career and devotion to his family, Mr. Randle was an active member of his churches, Blackwell Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church and Unity A.M.E. Zion Church, volunteering as Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, writer and director of several Easter and Christmas plays, choir member, Adult Class Leader and handyman; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Francis Randle was loved and cherished by his devoted wife, his sister and brother, many nieces and nephews and countless friends and will be greatly missed by all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its deep condolences and sympathy to his wife, family and friends and commemorate his years of service to Cook County and its residents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be tendered to Bernadine Randle so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[19-5353](#)

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI and SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE NORTH MAINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, the North Maine Fire Protection District celebrated its 50th anniversary on September 21, 2019, at its annual open house; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Maine Fire Protection District was established in 1969 to provide emergency services to unincorporated Cook County in Maine Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Maine Fire Protection District currently provides twenty-one full-time, professional firefighters twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Maine Fire Protection District is prepared to respond to and manage emergencies, including but not limited to medical emergencies, structure fires, hazard investigations, environmental emergencies, high-rise and below-grade rescues, mass-casualty incidents, vehicle fires, natural disasters, hazardous materials incidents, and water and ice rescue; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to emergency response, the department's Fire Prevention Bureau offers public education, life-safety code enforcement, plan reviews, smoke detectors, and a key box program; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Maine Fire Protection District provides informational newsletters to keep residents apprised of safety and other concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Maine Fire Protection District holds regular meetings that seek public input; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018 alone, the North Maine Fire Protection District responded to 3,282 calls for service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the North Maine Fire Protection District as it celebrates its 50-year anniversary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the North Maine Fire Protection District as a token of our appreciation for its continued and dedicated service to the community.

[19-5370](#)

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**VIRGINIA “MAGGIE” LITRENTA, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, on July 29, 2019, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Virginia “Maggie” Litrenta from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Maggie Litrenta (nee Mayer) was the beloved wife of the late John F., Sr.; and

**WHEREAS**, Maggie Litrenta was the loving mother of John F., Jr. (Judy), Mary (George) Wilmoth, Virginia Indovina (Sam Casanova), and Katherine (Alec) Pokras; and

**WHEREAS**, Maggie Litrenta was the dearest grandmother of Gina (Chris) Pesko, Cindy (Terry) Britton, John F. III (Christine) Litrenta, Louis (Gina) Indovina; and

**WHEREAS**, Maggie Litrenta was the proud great-grandmother of Sydney and Tyler Pesko, Dominic D’Amico, and Lauren Battaglia; and

**WHEREAS**, Maggie Litrenta was the cherished sister of Helen Farny and aunt and cousin to many; and

**WHEREAS**, Maggie Litrenta was born on September 22, 1921; and

**WHEREAS**, Maggie Litrenta was involved in various community organizations, including a fifty-year membership in the Elmwood Park Women’s Organization, the Infant Welfare League, the Women’s Auxiliary of VFW, the Leyden Republican Women’s Organization, and the Alpine Ski Club, to name a few.

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

hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Maggie Litrenta; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Virginia “Maggie” Litrenta so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[19-5386](#)

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING KATHERINE O'DELL FOR RECEIVING THE SICILIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF MERIT**

**WHEREAS**, on September 8, 2019, Katherine Amari O'Dell received the Medal of Merit from the Sicilian American Cultural Association at its 25th anniversary celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine O'Dell is a partner with the law offices of Amari & Locallo; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993, Katherine O'Dell received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Northern Illinois University; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine O'Dell graduated from John Marshall Law School in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine O'Dell began her legal career at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office in the real estate tax department of the Civil Division; and

**WHEREAS**, the John Marshall Law School Alumni Association recognized Katherine O'Dell's accomplishments by awarding her with the Distinguished Service Award in May of 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine O'Dell served as the president of the John Marshall Law School Alumni Association from 2009-2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the John Marshall Law School Board of Trustees awarded Katherine O'Dell with its prestigious Spirit Award in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine O'Dell is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, serving her fourth elected term as a member of the ISBA General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine O'Dell is a past president of the Justinian Society of Lawyers and was the associate editor of the Justinian Society newsletter and served on its executive committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine O'Dell is a past president of the Sicilian American Cultural Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine O'Dell is the co-chair of the Women in Business Committee of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce and is one of the vice presidents of the Norridge/Harwood Heights Chamber of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine O'Dell is married to Jay E. O'Dell and lives in Chicago with their son Jason.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Katherine O'Dell for receiving this well-deserved award; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Katherine O'Dell as an expression of our esteem.

[19-5486](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), DONNA MILLER, LARRY SUFFREDIN, PETER N. SILVESTRI and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**DECLARING RACIAL EQUITY WEEK IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, historically, government has played a role in creating and maintaining racial inequities, further widening the gap in disparities amongst residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is the second largest county and contains one of the most segregated cities in America, and thus has a grave responsibility to do what is in its power to right those wrongs and eliminate those inequities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is unacceptable that certain zip codes on the south and west sides of Chicago and Cook County have dramatically lower life expectancies, higher maternal and infant mortality rates, greater food scarcity, and decreased access to mental health assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Government is one of the largest employers in the region, and

**WHEREAS**, the success of an organization today is incumbent on its ability to hire and maintain a workforce that mirrors the diverse community it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to be a model for the region and for other governments, Cook County Government has adopted a racial equity lens to examine employee demographics and improve hiring, retention, and promotion policies and practices; and

**WHEREAS**, racial equity is not just about money, or jobs, or the scars of history, but is about providing inclusive, culturally competent services to the 5.2 million residents of Cook County and ensuring that communities and residents have a voice in government decision-making; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2018, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle made equity one of the foundational values of her administration; and

**WHEREAS**, in Spring 2019, Offices Under the President officially joined the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE), an organization that forms a national network of local and regional governments to advance racial equity; and

**WHEREAS**, Offices Under the President convened the Racial Equity Leadership Council (RELC) to advance equity throughout Cook County Government, focusing on policies, training, engagement, and operations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, as President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf the residents of Cook County, do hereby designate September 16 - 20, 2019 to be "Racial Equity Week" in Cook County, Illinois.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, during this week of learning, listening, and engaging, Cook County will hold a series of events to hear from residents and community partners and educate the public about racial equity, why it matters and how stakeholders can work together to advance racial equity in Cook County.

[19-5587](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE VILLAGE OF ELK GROVE VILLAGE FOR ITS PROGRAM COMBATTING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, twenty-six residents and visitors of the Village of Elk Grove have died due to opioid-related causes in the last four years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Craig Johnson, a former wrestling coach, saw the effects of the crisis on one of his athletes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Village Officials created the Elk Grove Village Cares program in June 2018 to be a comprehensive approach to battling the opioid epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Elk Grove Village Cares has police officers be the gateway to treatment for those seeking help; and

**WHEREAS**, Elk Grove Village has made the overdose-reversing medication naloxone available in public places and covers the cost of treatment for uninsured patients; and

**WHEREAS**, Elk Grove Village Cares was initially created for opioid-related treatment but welcomes those who struggle with other substances such as alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, local business owner Tom Walter has committed to employing people who have been through the program once treatment is completed; and

**WHEREAS**, people who have failed out of treatment or relapsed are always welcomed back; and

**WHEREAS**, given the success of this program, Elk Grove Village has received both state and federal grants totaling nearly \$400,000 to continue and expand the program; and

**WHEREAS**, Elk Grove Village has seen no fatal overdoses within its limits since the creation of Elk Grove Village Cares; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Board of the Cook County Commissioner would like to recognize the Village of Elk Grove Village for its dedicated efforts to combat the opioid epidemic and make treatment easily accessible to those struggling with addiction; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to the Village of Elk Grove Village, Mayor Craig Johnson, and Tom Walter.

[19-5595](#)

**Sponsored by:** KEVIN B. MORRISON and SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF KAREN BOCK KUBLANK**

**WHEREAS**, Karen Bock Kublank, resident of Barrington, lived an extraordinary life in which she dedicated herself to the service of her community; and

**WHEREAS**, Karen was the first in her family to attend college and she received her BA in English from the University of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Karen prioritized students as an English teacher at Palatine High School from 1972-2001 and as the English Department Chair at Schaumburg High School from 2001-2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Karen met her husband, Jerry, on New Teacher Day and they taught together in District 211 for 30+ years; and

**WHEREAS**, Karen's passion for helping students didn't end in the classroom as she coached Palatine High School's first girls' tennis team, sponsored Student Council, served as President of the local Illinois

Association of Student Councils district, and established the Palatine Christmas Bazaar; and

**WHEREAS**, Karen received a number of accolades for her service, including a Lifetime Achievement Award, Principal's Award of Excellence, and District 211 Honored Faculty Member Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Karen's service reached beyond her career as a teacher. She was active in serving her church community, St. Matthew Lutheran Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Karen contributed greatly to the community where she lived, Barrington, by organizing the annual Barrington Giving Day and she loved bringing a smile to the faces of the children who benefitted from the program; and

**WHEREAS**, Karen impacted so many throughout her years of service and will be greatly missed; and

**WHEREAS**, Karen represented the best in a public servant; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Board of the Cook County Commissioner would like to recognize Karen Bock Kublank for her dedicated efforts to help young people and her entire community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution are sent to the family of Karen Bock Kublank.

[19-5614](#)

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE and DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE CAREER AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF COMMISSIONER NATALIE HALL**

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Natalie Hall is a native of Chicago, Illinois and for the past 31 years she has resided in the Atlanta, Georgia area; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Natalie Hall is the niece of the late Cook County Board President John H. Stroger, Jr. She graduated from Evanston Township High School in 1983 and attended DeVry University where she obtained with honors a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems. She earned her masters' degrees in Business Administration and Public Administration from Keller Graduate School of Management in Atlanta, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Natalie Hall previously led technology training for Cook County employees, judges, and elected officials in the Circuit Court of Cook County and Office of the Chief Judge; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Natalie Hall began her career in the Fulton County Government where she created the New Technology Division and successfully directed technology projects such as a teleworking pilot program, Board of Commissioners' videoconferencing, Cable Franchise Agreement, and the first county website; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Natalie Hall would continue her career at the City of Atlanta serving as the IT End User Support Division Manager. Commissioner Hall led a team of 35 employees and a \$5 million budget to enhance and support the business processes of all City departments and agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, Commissioner Natalie Hall was named as Chief of Staff to the late Fulton County District 4 Commissioner Joan P. Garner. In this role, Commissioner Hall worked to ensure that every citizen in District 4 received the assistance, programs, services, and information that they deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the loss of Fulton County District 4 Commissioner Joan P. Garner, a special election was held in November 2017 where Commissioner Natalie Hall was elected to this office. Commissioner Natalie Hall is committed to create a community where all residents are safe, healthy, self-sufficient, have economic, cultural, and recreational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, on the Fulton County Commission, Commissioner Natalie Hall serves as the Executive Sponsor for Fulton County Government's Strategic Priority "All People are Healthy." Commissioner Natalie Hall believes in all people's good physical and mental health, access to healthy food, quality healthcare, and sustaining an overall quality of life for them and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Natalie Hall serves on a number of boards including the Association County Commissioners, Fulton County Board of Health, and the Atlanta Homeless Continuum of Care Governance Council. Commissioner Natalie Hall is also actively involved in the National Association of Counties (NACo) boards and committees such as the Healthy Counties Initiative Advisory Board, Information Technology Standing Committee, Resilient Counties Advisory Board, and the Large Urban Caucus Steering Committee. She was recently appointed as a board member of the National Organization of Black County Officials (NOBCO); and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Natalie Hall is the wife of District 2 Atlanta City Councilmember Kwanza Hall and the mother of two adult sons. Her and her husband currently live in the Old Fourth Ward neighborhood in Atlanta, Georgia; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents, does hereby congratulate Commissioner Natalie Hall and her many contributions bettering the lives of the citizens of Fulton County in Atlanta, Georgia; and

**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 Commissioner Natalie Hall in recognition of this honor.

[19-5628](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IN THE 15TH DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, September 15th to October 15th is recognized as National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, National Hispanic Heritage Month was founded to celebrate the heritage and culture of Hispanic and Latinx communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County celebrates the vast contributions made by Hispanic and Latinx residents in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the 15th District of Cook County is proud to celebrate the diversity of its residents and the richness of culture; and

**WHEREAS**, many community organizations are active in the District that represent and serve Hispanic and Latinx communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro de Informacion is a social services agency that provides bilingual advocacy at our locations in Elgin, Carpentersville, and Hanover Park for more than 15,000 immigrants every year. Centro serves mostly low-income, Hispanic immigrants residing in the greater Fox Valley area; and

**WHEREAS**, The Elgin Hispanic Network is a group that provides a place for businesses and organizations to connect, collaborate, and exchange ideas to improve the quality of life of the Hispanic community in Elgin; and

**WHEREAS**, Association of Latinx/as Motivating Association is an organization that has a mission to fight for the rights of the Latino Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning community by advocating for fairness and equality, and affirming Latino LGBTQ culture; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA) works to ensure the equitable participation of its constituents in the construction industry, while also promoting the growth, quality of work, professionalism and integrity of these individuals and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic American Community Education Services (HACES) assists our immigrant community members in achieving their individual and collective goals to foster their prosperity and harmony with the larger community as a whole. HACES has helped over 3,000 adults and children to obtain their Legal Permanent Residency Status and 1,900 students to obtain their Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status and work permits; and

**WHEREAS**, PASO West Suburban Action Project is a community-based social justice organization that works to engage community members to address issues that affect them, their families, and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, Northwest Hispanic Chamber of Commerce seeks to empower Hispanic businesses and those interested in the Hispanic market, through PEAC - Promotion, Education, Advocacy and community Collaboration; and

**WHEREAS**, Grupo Folklorico Quetzal is a Latin American folkloric dance troupe based in Hanover Park that participates in community events, parades, and fairs; and

**WHEREAS**, United States Hispanic Leadership Institute looks to fulfill the promises and principles of democracy by promoting education, research, and leadership development, and empowering Latinos and similarly disenfranchised groups by maximizing their civic awareness, engagement, and participation. USHLI has worked in the 15th District with students in District U46; and

**WHEREAS**, Mariachi Joya Dorada de U-46 is an extracurricular performance ensemble comprised of students from several U-46 middle and high schools which provides students an opportunity to participate in a rich cultural tradition; and

**WHEREAS**, these community organizations work tirelessly to serve the Northwest Suburbs and promote the heritage and culture of Hispanic and Latinx communities; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor National Hispanic Heritage Month and the contributing organizations for the outstanding work they do in Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to the community organizations honored in this resolution.

[19-5631](#)

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **CONGRATULATING THE RIVER FOREST LITTLE LEAGUE 12U BASEBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 12U STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, for the first time in its 67-year history, the River Forest 12U baseball team won the 12U State Championship and advanced to the Little League Great Lakes Region Tournament; and

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, August 25, the Village of River Forest held a parade and rally recognizing the River Forest Little League 12U 2019 State Champions and Great Lakes Regional runner-up; and

**WHEREAS**, this talented team also won the 11U state title in 2018 and placed second in the 10U state playoffs in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the team earned its historic state title in dramatic fashion against Tri-Cities, fighting back in the sixth and seventh innings after trailing by six runs; and

**WHEREAS**, the River Forest 12U players are Jack Paris, Ryan Lazewski, Dutch Navigato, TJ Nix, Ethan Niewoehner, Ben Jarnecke, Matt Carolan Jr., Jimmy O'Brien, Luke Hickey, AJ Kilburg, Spike Gall, Nic Lissuzzo, and Joey Elza; and

**WHEREAS**, the River Forest Little League 12U coaches are Dennis Jarnecke, Joe Lazewski, and Matt Hickey; and

**WHEREAS**, the River Forest Little League 12U coach Dennis Jarnecke described the team as a balanced group with great depth, and coach Matt Hickey said the players believed in each other and never felt like they were out of any game.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the River Forest Little League 12U baseball team for winning the 12U State Championship and being a runner-up in the Great Lakes Regional Tournament; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the River Forest Little League 12U baseball team as a token of our appreciation for its great teamwork and team accomplishments.

[19-5640](#)

**Sponsored by:** SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING CHIEF RALPH ENSIGN FOR MORE THAN FOUR DECADES IN FIRE SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Ralph Ensign started his fire service career as a firefighter/paramedic with the Winnetka Fire Department in 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, Ralph Ensign earned a bachelor's degree in fire service management from Southern Illinois University in 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, Ralph Ensign joined the Highland Park Fire Department in 1978, and was promoted to lieutenant in 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, Ralph Ensign was promoted to captain with the Highland Park Fire Department in 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, Ralph Ensign was hired as Deputy Fire Chief for the Village of Glenview Fire Department in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Ralph Ensign was promoted to Chief of the Village of Glenview Fire Department in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Ralph Ensign served as Chief of the Village of Winnetka Fire Department from November 2010 to January 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Ralph Ensign has also been a paid-on-call and paid-on-premise firefighter with the Northfield Fire-Rescue Department, where his father retired as an Assistant Chief in 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, Ralph Ensign was instrumental in the design and construction of Fire Station 6, which was moved from Glenview Road in the downtown area to 1215 Waukegan Road; and

**WHEREAS**, Ralph Ensign was a critical voice in planning the replacement for Fire Station 8 at 1901 Landwehr Road; and

**WHEREAS**, Ralph Ensign worked to train the next generation of life-savers with the creation of, a paramedic training ride-a-long program through Advocate Lutheran General Hospital

**WHEREAS**, Ralph Ensign not only worked to stop fires, but stop them before they start with the implementation of a smoke detector installation program; and

**WHEREAS**, Ralph Ensign co-founded the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Division III Hazardous Materials Response Team, a partnership of 19 north suburban communities to share fire department personnel, equipment and resources when needed; and

**WHEREAS**, Ralph Ensign has been praised by Village Manager Matt Formica as “a strong asset to Glenview and an all-around great person to work with;” and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Ralph Ensign for his contribution to fire safety in the Glenview, Northfield, Winnetka and Highland Park communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of the Resolution be tendered to Ralph Ensign as a means of communicating our thanks and well wishes.

[19-5648](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING 40 YEARS OF HECTOR HERNÁNDEZ’S CHICAGO PUBLIC COMMITMENT TO THE LIBRARY AND THE RUDY LOZANO BRANCH LIBRARY**

**WHEREAS**, Hector Hernández was born in General Treviño, Nuevo León, México, on January 25, 1953 to Juan Hernández Gómez and Narcedalia Madrigal Guerra; and

**WHEREAS**, his father, Juan, was a migrant worker for Chicago and Northwestern Railways, and was able to bring his wife and seven children to the United States in 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, the family first settled in the Bridgeport community of Chicago where Mr. Hernández attended Nativity of Our Lord School, now Bridgeport Academy, where he won spelling contests at a young age; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hernández graduated from De La Salle Institute in 1972 and earned a Bachelor’s degree in Spanish Language and Literature from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, after college, Mr. Hernández landed his first Chicago Public Library job in 1977, and held positions at various branches that include Back of the Yards, North Lakeview and Logan Square; and

**WHEREAS**, having witnessed his two older sisters who had been teachers in Mexico work as laborers at a lamp company in Chicago, he saw the hardships migrants in the U.S. face and knew he had to continue his education to improve his quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hernández went on to earn two Master’s degrees from the University of Illinois, a Master’s in Library Science and a Master’s in Spanish Literature; and

**WHEREAS**, as he was about to begin a doctoral program in Spanish Literature at the University of Indiana at Bloomington in 1985, Mr. Hernández’s life and career changed course; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hernández was offered a position as head of the Chicago Public Library’s Spanish Information Center and also served as assistant head of the Foreign Languages Section and Hispanic Services Coordinator, and was based at the main branch in what is now the Chicago Cultural Center; and

**WHEREAS**, while there, he promoted literacy among the rapidly growing Mexican community in Chicago, and also led efforts to inform them through local newspapers and radio that the library can be used as a hub for resources on jobs as well as social and legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hernández was featured in a 1989 issue of *American Libraries*, a publication of the American Library Association, where he was quoted as saying “The library has to reach out to Hispanics and make them feel that the library belongs to them”; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time at the main branch, a devastating earthquake in Mexico City caused chaos in Chicago’s Mexican community, and Mr. Hernández recalls the library receiving many inquiries on how people could receive news of their loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, community-led efforts in Pilsen at the time had succeeded in the 1985 groundbreaking of what would become the Rudy Lozano Library Branch, named after the community organizer and leader who was tragically killed in 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rudy Lozano Library Branch became officially open in 1989, and Mr. Hernández was named its first, and until now its only, branch manager; and

**WHEREAS**, for thirty years, Mr. Hernández has led the Rudy Lozano Library Branch as the public library with the largest Spanish-language collection in the Midwest; and

**WHEREAS**, renowned for its diverse programming and the cultural and social services it provides, Mr. Hernández considers his major accomplishment at the library to be the establishment of the Knight Moves Chess Club; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hernández has been devoted to using the library as a space to teach chess to local youth, leading many to win local and national championships and scholarships, and setting them on a proven pathway of academic and professional success; and

**WHEREAS**, among his accolades, Mr. Hernández has received both the Excellence in Teaching Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois Chess Association, as well as the Pride of Pilsen Award, and recognitions from Casa Aztlán, the Hispanic Literacy Council, and Pilsen Alliance; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hernández will retire on September 30, 2019 and plans to continue coaching chess.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the forty years Mr. Hernández has been committed to the promotion of Spanish language and Mexican culture, and his service to the Latino community in Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Hector Hernández as a symbol of recognition and gratitude for his contributions to serving countless youth, library patrons, and the Spanish-speaking community of Chicago.