

**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL



**Journal of Proceedings**

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

**Consent Calendar Meeting - Honorary Resolutions**

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

ALMA E. ANAYA  
LUIS ARROYO, JR.  
SCOTT R. BRITTON  
JOHN P. DALEY  
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  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI

**KAREN A. YARBROUGH  
COUNTY CLERK**

Board met pursuant to law and pursuant to Resolution 18-6705.

**OFFICIAL RECORD**

President Preckwinkle in the chair.

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 1:00 P.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

**QUORUM**

County Clerk Karen A. Yarbrough called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Commissioners Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (16)

Absent: Commissioner Tobolski (1)

**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.

1. George Blakemore – Concerned Citizen
2. Clinton Washington- Concerned Citizen

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**19-4802  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**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 9, 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 United Kingdom National Chart for two (2) 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.

**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.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5075  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
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, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**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.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5079  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
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, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**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,

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5082  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
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, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**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.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5238  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
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, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**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.

**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.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5312  
RESOLUTION**



**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**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 United States 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 (1) 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 40 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 his 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.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5351  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by  
THE HONORABLE BILL LOWRY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**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, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Bill Lowry, Cook County Commissioner of the 3rd District, do hereby stand, and salute the life changing work of Greg Hinton; and

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

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

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5352  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**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 (2) 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 27 years and retired in December, 2018; and

**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.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5353  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI AND SEAN M. MORRISON,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the North Maine Fire Protection District celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> 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 21 full-time, professional firefighters 24 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.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5370  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**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.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5386  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**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 and 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.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5486  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, DONNA MILLER,  
LARRY SUFFREDIN, PETER N. SILVESTRI AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**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.

**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; and

**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.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5587  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

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

**WHEREAS**, 26 residents and visitors of the Village of Elk Grove have died due to opioid-related causes in the last four (4) 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.

**NOW, 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.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5595  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON AND SCOTT R. BRITTON,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**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 Bachelor of Arts 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.

**NOW, 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.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5614  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE AND DENNIS DEER,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**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.

**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.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5628  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by  
THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**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.

**NOW, 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.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5631  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**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.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5640  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE SCOTT R. BRITTON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**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; and

**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.”

**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.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5648  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING 40 YEARS OF HECTOR HERNÁNDEZ’S COMMITMENT TO THE  
CHICAGO PUBLIC 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 (2) older sisters who had been teachers in Mexico work as laborers at a lamp company in Chicago, he saw the hardships migrants in the United States. face and knew he had to continue his education to improve his quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hernández went on to earn two (2) 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 it’s 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.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5715  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE BRANDON JOHNSON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF HENDERSON YARBROUGH**

**WHEREAS**, Henderson Yarbrough is a long-time resident of the Village of Maywood; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Yarbrough is a pillar within our community and an example to all for his dedication, sacrifice and success; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Yarbrough a native of Byhalia, Mississippi attended Lincoln University in Jefferson, Missouri completing their Public Education program in 1963; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Yarbrough is a proud United States Army Veteran; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Yarbrough has numerous certifications and continuing education credentials from Triton College's Real Estate Institute and has a longtime career as a real estate appraiser and broker; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Yarbrough is active in many local charities and nonprofits, and currently serves as President of the Maywood Proviso Rotary Club; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Yarbrough served eight years in administration as a Village Public Works Director, Code Enforcement Officer, Administrative Assistant to the Village Manager, Village Trustee, South Maywood Action Community Alliance for better government; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Yarbrough set his sights to higher office and was elected Village President for eight years where he served proudly; and

**WHEREAS**, Henderson Yarbrough, Sr. has devoted his life to service in community-focused leadership roles. Whether it be through his work as Mayor of a West Suburban Cook County municipality, or his continued involvement with regional chambers of commerce to promote the small business community he joined decades ago when he arrived in Maywood, Yarbrough's community-building approach has earned him a reputation as a pragmatic problem solver; and

**WHEREAS**, Henderson Yarbrough and his wife, Karen, have a blended family of six and share twelve grandchildren and three (3) great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Henderson Yarbrough has retired from public office and life, we thank him for all his years of service and for being a role-model to so many and a trailblazer for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize Henderson Yarbrough’s service to the citizens of Cook County and the Village of Maywood; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Clerk is authorized to spread upon the record of proceedings and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to be presented to Henderson Yarbrough in recognition of his retirement from public office; We recognize the many contributions and lasting legacy of the Honorable Henderson Yarbrough.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk



**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5722  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**A CHANCE FOR LIFE PROJECT - 1ST ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, a Chance for Life Project is conducting a grassroots campaign to promote social and emotional learning, violence prevention/intervention, job readiness training, mentoring, and leadership services in communities for boys and young men aged 14 to 30, and

**WHEREAS**, a Chance for Life Project comprises a coalition of community organizations, churches, businesses, media professionals, athletes and entertainers working together to support, empower and impact the lives of high risk youth and communities for a healthier and safer society; and

**WHEREAS**, a Chance for Life Project is organizing a series of basketball tournaments lasting from the fall of 2019 through the spring and summer of 2020, comprising approximately 700 14-30-year-old boys and men from communities deeply affected by violence with an aim to use the tournaments to promote good sportsmanship, cooperation, team-building, as well providing opportunities for employment, job training, and other services, and

**WHEREAS**, positive activities like these basketball tournaments have the capacity to prevent violence and present the opportunities to implement pro-social services which can change lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and commend A Chance for Life Project’s series of basketball tournaments and for their positive impact throughout the County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to A Chance for Life Project in expressing Cook County’s well wishes for a successful engagement campaign and tournament.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5724  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
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, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING DR. SANDY GOLDBERG, FOUNDER OF A SILVER LINING FOUNDATION**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Sandy Goldberg, a longtime Chicago resident and breast cancer survivor, began hosting a television program in the early 2000’s that invited cancer patients to call in to speak with the cancer specialists about their medical issues; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, Dr. Sandy Goldberg, founded A Silver Lining Foundation to provide cancer education and services to uninsured and underinsured individuals throughout the Chicago area; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of A Silver Lining Foundation to provide respectful and equal access to cost-free breast health testing through a network of partnerships with community, advocacy and healthcare organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, A Silver Lining Foundation is comprised of five programs to assist individuals: The Chicagoland Cancer Information Coalition, the Evelyn Goldberg Center, Buy A Mom A Mammogram, Survive and Thrive and Keep aBreast; and

**WHEREAS**, these five programs provide education, treatment options, quality of life services, free screening, evaluation and diagnostic testing services to individuals, and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Sandy Goldberg was honored with The KIND Foundation’s KIND People program award for transforming her community through kindness, and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Sandy Goldberg has been steadfast in her commitment to providing cancer education and breast health testing to uninsured and underinsured individuals throughout Cook County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that the Board does hereby thank Dr. Sandy Goldberg for her leadership of A Silver Lining Foundation and does hereby offer its appreciation on behalf of a grateful community for her many years of service to those in need of medical treatment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a ceremonial copy of same be presented to Dr. Sandy Goldberg to commemorate this event.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5728  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by  
THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CONGRATULATING WORKING BIKES ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Working Bikes, is a nonprofit organization located in the South Lawndale / Heart of Chicago neighborhood in the 7th District of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Working Bikes was established in 1999 by volunteers Lee Ravenscroft and Amy Little with the goal of giving old bikes new homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Working Bikes is to give donated bicycles new life by redistributing them as tools of empowerment in local and global communities; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 100,000 bicycles have been reclaimed from disuse or the waste stream since Working Bikes was founded; and

**WHEREAS**, Working Bikes volunteers repair, recycle, and refurbish bicycles to donate them locally and prepare bicycles to donate them internationally; and

**WHEREAS**, Working Bikes has supported the creation of dozens of bicycle organizations and social enterprises globally, shipping 70,000 repairable bicycles to partners in 20 African and Central American countries for use in job training and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, through its Cycle of Peace program, Working Bikes donates hundreds of bicycles each year to children in local schools and partner organizations, giving thousands of youth the freedom and joy of owning a bicycle; and

**WHEREAS**, through its Cycle of Power program, Working Bikes has partnered with the department of Veteran Affairs (VA), transitional housing, refugee resettlement, and others to empower thousands of Chicagoland adults with access to transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, Working Bikes has built an inclusive and welcoming community in its shops, giving skill-building opportunities to thousands of volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, Working Bikes professional mechanic staff has allowed over 10,000 Chicagoans to purchase affordable transportation and support a mission with local and global impact over the past 20 years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the staff, volunteers, and supporters of Working Bikes 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 Working Bikes in honor of its 20 years of noble and impactful accomplishments locally and globally.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk



**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5729  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MAGDA RAMIREZ CASTAÑEDA**

**WHEREAS**, Magda Ramírez-Castañeda was born in Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, México, came to Chicago as a young child, and grew to become a leading activist and organizer for social and economic justice in the City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, in the late 1960s, Magda Ramírez-Castañeda moved to Pilsen where she became ingrained in the Chicano/an and Civil Rights movements; and

**WHEREAS**, Magda Ramírez-Castañeda has been described as a once-in-a-generation kind of leader who dedicated her life to empowering Latinx communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Magda Ramírez-Castañeda was one of the first Latina students at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), where she co-founded the Latin American Student Union and fought for more students of color to be admitted to the school, and later, for a Latin American Studies Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Magda Ramírez-Castañeda lead the fight against discrimination alongside the Asociación Pro Derechos Obreros, (the Association for Workers' Rights) in the 1972 movement to demand that the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) hire more Latino bus drivers; and

**WHEREAS**, her daughter described Magda Ramírez-Castañeda as someone who “wanted to let people know that they had the power to change things if we worked together. The power to change the system and make it better for everyone;” and

**WHEREAS**, Magda Ramírez-Castañeda was a leader of many impactful groups and movements, including as co-founder of the Illinois Chapter of La Raza Unida, organizer of the United Farm Workers' boycotts, founder of the Committee Against the Militarization of Youth, Chairperson of the Drop-Out Task Force at Benito Juarez High School, co-host of Radio Chamba, and Board President of Pilsen Alliance; and

**WHEREAS**, Magda Ramírez-Castañeda co-authored the book Chicanas of 18th Street: Narratives of a Movement from Latino Chicago, which documented the testimonies of six female community activists who lived and worked in Pilsen; and

**WHEREAS**, as author of the book, Magda Ramírez-Castañeda said she hope to “leave a legacy to our youth, so we can have something to look up to,” and so that young people would learn about Pilsen and know “that their people were [there];”and

**WHEREAS**, her nephew Alderman Carlos Ramírez Rosa said of her passing, “Magda Ramírez-Castañeda will be missed by all whose lives she touched, but her spirit, her cry for justice and freedom will forever be felt in our picket lines, our marches, and our collective struggle for liberation.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the dedicated life of activism and the revolutionary impact of Magda Ramírez-Castañeda; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Magda Ramírez-Castañeda.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5739  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DEBORAH SIMS, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF J. DIANE ALSBERRY**

**WHEREAS**, J. Diane Alsberry, was born the youngest of four (4) children on October 7, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois to the union of Reverend Irving and Amanda Steele; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Diane Alsberry accepted Christ at the early age of nine years old; She and her siblings often traveled with their father as he evangelized the Gospel; She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in County Club Hills; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Diane Alsberry graduated from Jean Baptiste Point DuSable High School; Chicago Community College; In December of 1970, she graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from University of Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Diane Alsberry met the of her life Vernard Alsberry Jr. whom she married and shared a joyous and loving life for 21 years and five (5) months; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Diane Alsberry was a dedicated Physical Therapist and was licensed to practice in the state of Illinois and Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Diane Alsberry accomplishments include: being the first African American Director of Physical Therapy at Americana Healthcare Center of Oak lawn, Illinois; Director of Physical Medicine at South Chicago Hospital (now Advocate Aurora Trinity); Clinical Instructor as well as Adjunct Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Instructor at the Chicago City Junior College for Physical Therapy Assistance Program. Lastly, she also helped to organize the Support Organization for Minority Physical Therapist (SOMPT); and

**WHEREAS**, J. Diane Alsberry was active in various organizations including a life membership with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc; charter member of the American Academy of Physical Therapy (AAPT); Past President of Support Organization of Physical Therapy; Past President and Treasurer of the American Academy of Physical Therapy; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Diane Alsberry became a strong force assisting her husband Mayor Vernard Alsberry of Hazel Crest, Illinois; She served as the Commissioner for the Village of Hazel Crest Planning and Zoning and Senior Citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Diana Alsberry physical presence may no longer be with us, we shall remember her as a woman who was gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her family. She is survived by her husband Mayor Vernard Alsberry Jr. their four(4) sons and five (5) daughters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Deborah Sims, Commissioner of the 5th District do hereby offer my deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of J. Diane Alsberry; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be represented to the family of J. Diane Alsberry in her honor be spread upon official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5749  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING MRS. GLORIA JENKINS HARVEY, AND MS. LOLA JENKINS FOR THEIR  
LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION IN THE**

**NORTH LAWDALE COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, Gloria and Lola Jenkins are Grassroots Community Strategist, Facilitators, and Education Activist; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria “Corene” Jenkins Harvey divided her time as an urban youth between the south and west sides of Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, she graduated from Jones Metropolitan High School in Chicago June of 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, determined to refine her considerable talent for communicating and connecting with others, Mrs. Jenkins Harvey attended Chicago State University, earning a degree in psychology in May 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Gloria Jenkins Harvey began her career at Nicholas Financial, a specialized finance company with a primary market focus on direct consumer loans; and

**WHEREAS**, with this experience, she quickly learned the inner workings of the finance industry and leveraged her newly acquired knowledge to monitor and track the performance of hedge funds and investment portfolios, goal oriented and eager to return to the life of service that defined her upbringing, Ms. Jenkins returned to public service in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the Family Case Management staff for the Westside Association for Community Action (WACA). Mrs. Jenkins Harvey worked in support of families on the Southside of Chicago. The organizational tenants of WACA that were the life’s work of her parents became the enduring and abiding centerpiece of her own life. Having found her place in a career of community advocacy, she has worked to help those who desperately need socially responsible and politically astute individuals to advocate on their behalf; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Jenkins Harvey serves as the Executive Director of the Westside Association for Community Action (WACA). She is a member of Board of Directors for ETA Creative Arts Foundation and was a recent recipient of Lakeside Bank’s “Women Who Make A Difference Award. When asked what she is most thankful for, “she always references the opportunity to perpetuate her family’s legacy of service for the benefit of her community and the people she serves.” and

**WHEREAS**, Lola, the youngest daughter of Gloria and Ernie Jenkins, coming of age on the West side of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Lola was deeply involved in service activities with organizations such as Family Focus Lawndale, The Greater Chicago Food Depository, YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, and The Links, Inc. and

**WHEREAS**, demonstrating a standard for high achievement, Ms. Jenkins graduated from Spelman College in May 2004. Characteristic of her foresight concerning her early desire for a career in social service, she earned a degree in political science, with a minor in sociology; and

**WHEREAS**, after returning to Chicago from Atlanta, Lola Jenkins began her career in community service and advocacy as the acting Operations Manager for the Westside Association for Community Action (WACA) in July 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, she operated and oversaw the preparation of quarterly and annual budget programs. Exercising her life-long knowledge of social service networks, she successfully acted as WACA's official representative at business functions; and

**WHEREAS**, promoted to vice president of Operations in February 2008, quick wit and sharp intellect have been the defining factors in Lola Jenkins quick rise. She is responsible for maintaining financial budgets and ensuring the organization is compliant with state and federal guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Jenkins is credited with streamlining business processes to increase agency efficiency, and her detail oriented approach has proven beneficial to maintaining WACA's fiscal viability; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Jenkins has served as an intensely devoted advocate for the underrepresented and ill-served residents of her community. She is an actively sought after voice, and can often be seen networking at major events to create bridges of opportunity for WACA's diverse constituency. Her personal philosophy is "To whom much is given, much is required." When asked what she is most grateful for, she identifies her mother, who is the premier role model of her life. She credits her mother's life of service as the standard by which she measures many accomplishments in her personal life and career. She received her Master's in Business Administration from Lewis University in May 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Government acknowledges Mrs. Gloria Jenkins Harvey, and Lola Jenkins for transforming lives through community engagement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners as well as the Board of Commissioners along with the 5.3 million residents of Cook County do hereby recognize, Mrs. Gloria Jenkins Harvey, and Ms. Lola Jenkins for their invaluable, leadership, dedication and commitment to the residents of North Lawndale and herewith express our sincere gratitude for your service to the community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Gloria "Corene" Jenkins Harvey, and Lola Jenkins and a copy be placed upon the official record of the honorable body recognizing this auspicious occasion.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5757  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE LUIS ARROYO JR, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, 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, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE HUMBOLDT PARK ROBERTO CLEMENTE  
LITTLE LEAGUE ON BECOMING THE ILLINOIS STATE CHAMPIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Humboldt Park Roberto Clemente Little League Team started the season with a feeling in their bones that 2019 would be their year; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 15th at their home field in Humboldt Park, they used their style of hustle and heart to defeat South Elgin 12-2 in the intermediate level state championship in front of a very large crowd, ending the game with a home run by Joshua Quinones a day before his 13th birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, with this win against South Elgin, the Roberto Clemente Little Leaguers became the first team from Humboldt Park to win the state championship, and made history by achieving a feat that had never before been done; and

**WHEREAS**, these young men won the opportunity to represent Illinois in the Little League's Intermediate Division, and raised over \$19,000.00 on their Go Fund Me page to help cover the travel expenses of the team; and

**WHEREAS**, the Roberto Clemente Little League had an incredible experience playing in Michigan for the Little League's Intermediate Division; while the nerves were high, determination was even higher; the team gave it their all and Illinois was proud to have them represent this great state; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 27th, even Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker expressed his pride, gratitude and admiration for the team's hard work a dedication throughout the season by surprising them with a visit in Humboldt Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Little Leaguers credit their achievements to the diversity of their team, taking pride in their mixed ethnicities and ability to bring the entire community together to cheer for a common goal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and members of the Cook County Board of ommissioners do hereby recognize the major achievements of the Roberto Clemente Little League Baseball Team and congratulate them for becoming the 2019 State Champions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and ceremonial copies of this Resolution be presented to the members of the Humboldt Park Roberto Clemente Little League Team.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5758  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY'S  
RUDY LOZANO BRANCH LIBRARY**

**WHEREAS**, based in the Pilsen neighborhood, Rudy Lozano Branch Library opened its doors to the public on September 7, 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, community-led efforts drove the establishment of the library in a time when Pilsen lacked a centralized library branch; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 1960s, at a time when the Mexican population was growing in the area, there was only a “book mobile” that would traverse the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, a Pilsen Library Committee was formed in 1980 by 13 neighborhood residents who spearheaded the efforts to create a central library; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee’s efforts ultimately led to the groundbreaking of the \$4.5 million library in 1985;

**WHEREAS**, the new location consolidated materials from local social service agencies El Centro de La Causa and Gad’s Hill, as well as Pilsen Library Branch; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee collected suggestions for the public on the naming of the library, and voted on Rudy Lozano, named after the influential community organizer who was tragically killed in 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, since its grand opening in 1989, the Rudy Lozano Library Branch has played a pivotal role as a community resource center not only for local neighborhood residents but for library patrons throughout Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, the vision of the Pilsen Library Committee was for the library to be physically located in the neighborhood's center so that it was walking distance for residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the library houses the largest Spanish language collection in the Midwest and has hosted events with authors from throughout the U.S. and Latin America; and

**WHEREAS**, the focus of the literature at the library is for, by, and about people with Latin American descent, and includes over 10,000 books donated by the Mexican government; and

**WHEREAS**, renowned for its diverse programming and the cultural and social services it provides, the Rudy Lozano Branch Library has received awards from the Chicago Community Trust for programs like *Blue Skies for Library Kids*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Knight Moves Chess Club, another Rudy Lozano program, has been among its most successful programs, leading youth to win local and national championships and even facilitating their participation in tournaments in México; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rudy Lozano Library Branch remains an important resource for Chicago's Latino and Spanish-speaking community as libraries from throughout the city continue to refer patrons there, despite the population changes the community currently faces with gentrification; and

**WHEREAS**, in its 30 years of serving the community, the Rudy Lozano Library Branch has been a reflection of the diversity of the Mexican population in Chicago.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Rudy Lozano Library Branch on their 30th anniversary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Hector Hernández, branch manager of the Rudy Lozano Library Branch, and to the library itself as a symbol of recognition for its contributions to setting a model in engaging Chicago's Spanish-speaking community with the Chicago Public Library.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**



**19-5760  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING ELLEN MOIANI FOR HER CONTRIBUTION TO STUDENTS AND  
COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS AT NOBLE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, Ellen Moiani is the Manager of Government of Community Affairs for the Noble Network of Charter Schools, working specifically with families and stakeholders on the west side of Chicago. In Ellen Moiani role, she builds partnerships with parents, students, and various community agents to advocate alongside Noble's 12,500 students, 1,200 staff members, 12,000 alumni, and 15,00 parents; and

**WHEREAS**, Noble Network for Charter High School is ranked among the best in Chicago public schools (CPS) by Chicago Magazine, high schools from within the Noble Network captured 14 of the top 20 spots and all 17 Noble High Schools ranked in the top 30; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellen Moiani began her career as a teacher in 2008, teaching kindergarten in Greenbelt, Maryland. In 2013, she continued her teaching career in Chicago where she taught kindergarten for (2) years at Herzl School of Excellence in North Lawndale before transitioning into a career in policy and community organization; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015 Ellen Moiani became a LEE Policy and Advocacy Fellow at Illinois Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development and went on to become a LEE Community Organizing Fellow with Noble Network of Charter Schools, where she works today; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellen Moiani work is driven by the conviction that building relationships through storytelling leads to changes in policies and mindsets. With this belief, Ellen supports Noble Families to ensure Noble's value of Diversity Equity and Inclusion is lived out in all noble Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellen also lives out this belief in her work as Commissioner of Special Service Area #63 in West Humboldt and at her Church, St. Teresa of Avila, most recently Ellen Moiani received the 2019 Award for Excellence in Core Values at the Noble Network of Charter High Schools.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents, do hereby recognize Ellen Moiani for her contributions for bettering the lives of the children at Noble Charter High Schools and so wish her every continued success in her future endeavors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Ellen Moiani in recognition of this honor.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5761  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,  
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,  
BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R.  
TOBOLSKI,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE RICH EAST HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Rich East Manufacturing, Engineering, and Robotics Club was formed in 2015 as a way for students to explore the lab more after school; however, soon after forming, the club started competing in the TMA PMC (Technology Manufacturing Association Precision Machining Competition); and

**WHEREAS**, the club then started competing in VEX robotics, but not officially until the 2017-2018 school year; the students just competed in one event that year and had a great time, so in 2018-2019 the students wanted to do more and they were able to compete in many events; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rich East club consists of two (2) teams with 15 students and one(1) coach, Mr. Michael Wilson, and competed in four (4) different areas for a total of 14 events during last year's amazing season; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 season started by hosting the first VEX tournament of the year in Illinois and from that starting point, the team continued to improve their robot skills and competed in more tournaments throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS**, in December the 60466A team won a tournament in Chicago, which qualified them for the Illinois State Championships and the United States Open in Iowa; and

**WHEREAS**, later in the season, the 60466M team won robot skills earning them an invitation to the State Championships and the United States Open as well; and

**WHEREAS**, the students of both teams finished in the top 11 at the State Championships, earning each team a spot to attend the VEX Worlds Tournament in Kentucky; and

**WHEREAS**, the students attended the United States Open and the VEX worlds tournament, gaining invaluable experience as they were able to travel and compete with and against other top students from across the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, the team had a student compete in the TMA PMC (Technology Manufacturing Association Precision Machining Competition), and one student was able to submit his part for the competition and placed 10th out of 35; and

**WHEREAS**, the team also competed in the Chicago Grand Prix, which is an R/C Hydrogen Car Race taking 3rd place, and won the Engineering Award; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Works Engineering and Robotics Olympics was the fourth area the team competed in, and students took 1st and 3rd in the VEX event and 3rd in the autonomous racer event; and

**WHEREAS**, all the team accomplishments were made possible thanks to the support of the school and the local sponsors that donated funds, materials, and time; and

**WHEREAS**, this past year was an amazing experience for this group of students, and the team is looking forward to the upcoming year of competition with plans to do even more events, which with the right support and resources will come to fruition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate the Rich East Robotics Team on an outstanding season and wish them continued success; 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 the Rich East High School Robotics Team as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE ALMA E ANYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THOMAS L. VASQUEZ**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Thomas L. Vásquez from our midst on July 25, 2019 at the age of 75; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas L. Vásquez was born in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, México on October 12, 1943 to María de Socorro Luna Guzmán and José Trinidad Vásquez Villafranco; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas L. Vásquez immigrated to this country and became a resident of Little Village neighborhood on Chicago's Southwest side; and

**WHEREAS**, it was there, in the Little Village neighborhood, where in the early 1980s he met a group of young likeminded individuals and began to advocate for adequate services for their community and fair representation in elected offices; and

**WHEREAS**, that advocacy lead to the creation of the 22nd Ward's Independent Political Organization which the 22nd Ward's Independent Political Organization aimed to address the needs of working-class families in Little Village and North Lawndale; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas L. Vásquez was a proud founder of the 22nd Ward's Independent Political Organization where he also serves as one of the Vice Presidents and Precinct Captain for numerous years, positions he held with pride and dedication; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas L. Vásquez was a tireless activist and leader, who always challenged the status quo and pushed to make a positive difference in people's lives and believed that the neighborhoods in the Southwest side of Chicago deserved more respect and equity; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas L. Vásquez's love of service and community extended from organizing block parties to actively attended Local School Council (LSC) meetings and was even a mentor and father figure to countless; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas L. Vásquez worked 26 years for the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) until his retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas L. Vásquez the oldest brother to many siblings. Beloved husband of the late Irma Reyna Vasquez. Loving father of four sons: Daniel Vasquez, Robert Vasquez, late Thomas Vasquez Jr. and the late David Vasquez, grandfather, great grandfather, great grandfather of one; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas L. Vásquez and his legacy will continue to be felt for generations to come. He leaves not only a family that grieves him but a community that was impacted by his contribution and convictions; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas L. Vásquez was a living legend and has left a profound lesson for us all to fight for justice and for all working-class people.

**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 and many friends of Thomas L. Vásquez, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family and friends of Thomas L. Vásquez so that his memory may be honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5799  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE BRANDON JOHNSON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 12TH AS DORIS “DORIE” DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Doris “Dorie” Miller Post 915, The American Legion, Department of Illinois is an organization of wartime veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of the community, state and nation also dedicated to building a proper monument honoring Nave seaman Doris “Dorie” Miller; and

**WHEREAS**, Doris “Dorie” Miller was born October 12, 1919 in Waco, Texas and on September 16, 1939 he enlisted in the United States Navy; and

**WHEREAS**, Doris Miller attended the Naval Training Station in Norfolk Virginia and was assigned to USS West Virginia, stationed at Peral Harbor, Hawaii; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorie Miller helped the movement to desegregate the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, during the attack on Pearl Harbor Dorie Miller, pulled a captain and several crewmates to safety under heavy enemy fire; and

**WHEREAS**, after making sure his fellow sailors were out of harm’s way, Dorie Miller secured an unattended 50-caliber anti-aircraft gun and began firing at Japanese wartime aircrafts. Dorie Miller shot down several enemy plans; and

**WHEREAS**, for his heroism Dorie Miller was awarded the Navy Cross by Admiral Chester Nimitz; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorie Miller accepted a request to join the direct marketing effort to raise war bonds desperate military battles and successfully encouraged supports nationwide to contribute; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorie Miller requested to be transferred back to active duty and was assigned to USS Liscome Bay. The carrier was sunk in the Gilbert Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the Navy Cross, Dorie Miller received the Purple Heart, American Defense Service medal- Fleet Clasp, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign medal and the WWII Victory Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1973, the Knox-class frigate, USS Miller, was renamed for Doris “Dorie” Miller; and

**WHEREAS**, Doris “Dorie” Miller Day was celebrated at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center on June 12, 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize October 12, 2019 as, Doris (Dorie) Miller Day; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board encourages all of its residents to celebrate Doris (Dorie) Miller DDAY and that the text of this Resolution be spread across the journal of proceedings of this honorable body.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved by Rising Vote. The motion carried.**

**19-5801  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE SEAN M. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CONGRATULATING COOK COUNTY FARM BUREAU ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, as the result of passionate farmers committed to bringing the expertise of the University of Illinois College of Agriculture to county farmers, the first County Farm Bureau is organized and County Farm Bureaus from throughout Illinois organize to form the Illinois Agricultural Association, a statewide general farm organization; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1920 local farmers created the Cook County Farm Bureau® to provide agricultural expertise and assistance to local farmers and where today the Cook County Farm Bureau is home to 43,988 members in good standing and has achieved year-over-year membership growth in 1980 through 1987, 1999 through 2014, 2016, and 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Farm Bureau created Country Financial after farmers were unable to purchase fire insurance for their homes and farms and local farmers meet with the County Assessor to establish fair assessment levels for agricultural land in the county and the Farm Bureau continues to assist farmers and farm businesses with property taxes and building and zoning concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, area farmers, food processors, and farm businesses host County legislators and staff members as part of the Staff Exchange Program that explores the connections between local agriculture and Cook County government which American Farm Bureau Federation® named the Staff Exchange Program a “County Activity of Excellence”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Farm Bureau developed meaningful and beneficial agricultural and small business policy; and established a grassroots Viewpoint Committee to solicit farmer member opinions on pertinent issues called the Viewpoint Survey which includes questions on food safety, private property rights, government assistance, organic certification, and food labeling; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Farm Bureau has submitted numerous policy resolutions including Illinois Farm Bureau’s first food labeling, organic agriculture, and community support agriculture policies and has received the Liberty Bell, the highest recognition awarded by the Illinois Farm Bureau® for outstanding programming in the area of Legislative and Political Affairs, Local Government, and Policy Development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Farm Bureau engages in programs to connect farmers to consumers and has created “Local Farm Products” which promotes member farms, farm stands, greenhouses, stables, farm stores, and agricultural-related businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, to further connect consumers to the farmers who grow and raise healthy and nutritious food, the Cook County Farm Bureau hosts a “Farm Crawl,” which allows consumers to visit farms and farm stands throughout the county, and for fall enthusiasts flock to the Farm Bureau’s “Giant Pumpkin Contest” and visit with local farmers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Farm Bureau launched its “Agriculture in the Classroom” program, and during its thirty plus years, the program has reached more than 559,000 students and over 23,000 Cook County classrooms to educate youth about the connection between farmers, food and their day-to-day lives; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 200 teachers experience agriculture and explore how to integrate agriculture and food sciences into their classrooms while earning professional development and graduate credits, and the

Cook County Farm Bureau also strives to educate consumers about the shared values of farmers and consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Farm Bureau partners with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana® to celebrate “Food Checkout Day” and the healthy and nutritious contributions of modern farmers, and to date “Food Checkout Day” has donated over \$130,000 and more than 96,000-pounds of food to the families who call Ronald McDonald House their temporary home while their child is receiving care; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Farm Bureau has received the Summit Award from the American Society of Association Executives® for “Food Checkout Day” in recognition of the tremendous contributions non-profits can make when working together to accomplish a mutual goal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Farm Bureau launched a mobile-friendly website to enhance member communication efforts and over 1.27 million people engage with Cook County Farm Bureau® through the social media program “Grocery Giveaway” which the American Farm Bureau Federation® has named the “Grocery Giveaway” a “County Activity of Excellence”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Farm Bureau launched the “Food Pantry Challenge” to engage consumers and provide financial donations to local food pantries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Farm Bureau serves non-farming families through member benefits, programs and enrichment activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Farm Bureau received the President’s Award for outstanding programming in Agricultural Literacy, Commodities and Marketing, Communications, Health and Safety, Legislative and Political Affairs, Local Affairs, Membership, Policy Development, and Quota.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the founders, members, leadership, staff, and supporters of Cook County Farm Bureau on their 100th 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 Cook County Farm Bureau in honor of its noble work and remarkable impact.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**



**19-5802  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE SEAN M. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CONGRATULATING BOY SCOUT RYAN C. PLYBON ON HIS ACHIEVEMENT  
OF THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners is pleased to recognize outstanding achievement and dedication; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 1911, the Boy Scouts of America established the rank of Eagle Scout which is the highest title that can be attained by a Boy Scout; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a Scout must first earn at least 21 merit badges and demonstrate Scout Spirit through community service and leadership, including an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads and manages; and

**WHEREAS**, Ryan C. Plybon, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout with Crew 36 of La Grange Park, where Ryan earned 41 merit badges. Ryan has been an active member of scouting in both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts since the age of Seven (7) years old; and

**WHEREAS**, Ryan has been active at the First United Methodist Church in La Grange where he regularly attends and volunteers at Sunday services as a sound board operator and audio-visual operator for the past three years; and

**WHEREAS**, Ryan has worked for the Greater YMCA of La Grange for the past two (2) years where he was employed as a camp counselor for children enrolled in the YMCA camp program; and

**WHEREAS**, for his Eagle Scout Service Project, Ryan coordinated the organization of his fellow scouts and adult scout leaders in the construction of a wooden fence and an accompanying gate for St. Michael's Church in La Grange Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Ryan's commitment extends beyond Boy Scouts and into his education where he graduated with honors from Lyons Township High School in May of 2019 and he now currently attends the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where he plans on making computer science his major area of study.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Cook County Board of Commissioners that we join the community, family and friends of Ryan C. Plybon in expressing our sincere pride and admiration and congratulations on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the text of this Resolution be spread across the Journal of Proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy hereof be presented to Ryan C. Plybon.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5765  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE BILL LOWRY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING NATIONAL MUSEUM OF GOSPEL MUSIC**

**WHEREAS**, few cities around the world can match Chicago’s rich and vast musical heritage of electrified blues, jazz and gospel music; and

**WHEREAS**, the vibrant community of art, history, science, and cultural museums, lauded as preeminent institutions throughout the world, is equally dynamic. Yet, despite the city’s prolific artistic and cultural assets, there is no major institution dedicated to the history and worldwide influence of this distinctly American art form originating in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Chicago receives international recognition as the “birthplace of gospel music” with Pilgrim Baptist Church serving as its home. and

**WHEREAS**, renowned architects Louis Sullivan and Dankmar Adler designed Pilgrim Baptist Church in 1890 originally as a synagogue until the 1920s, when it became a spiritual refuge for African Americans arriving in Chicago during the Great Migration; and

**WHEREAS**, among the migrants was a blues pianist, Thomas Dorsey, who began weaving Christian praise hymns with the rhythms of blues and jazz, organized a choir, and became music director at Pilgrim Baptist Church during the 1930s; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Dorsey, widely regarded as the “Father of Gospel Music” composed “*Take My Hand, Precious Lord*” while drawing top singers from across the country who would later become legends of gospel music; and

**WHEREAS**, Gospel greats James Cleveland and Mahalia Jackson received their start by singing at Pilgrim Baptist Church. and

**WHEREAS**, Aretha Franklin, Albertina Walker, Sam Cooke, and The Staples Singers are among the many artists who performed at Pilgrim Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Museum of Gospel Music is an established 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, committed to educating and inspiring people of all ages to learn more about gospel music and its contributions to the foundation of American music culture through its exhibitions and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Museum of Gospel Music, will be known for its commitment to understanding the rich history of gospel music and its influence throughout the past, present and future of music by providing learning experiences for children and adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the of the National Museum of Gospel Music plans to open in September 2020, during Gospel Heritage Month as established by former President of the United States, Barack Obama.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Bill Lowry, Cook County Commissioner of the 3rd District, do hereby stand, and salute the future of the National Museum of Gospel Music, the Official Board of Directors, and Staff, in conjunction with the Pilgrim Baptist Church; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the official board of the National Museum of Gospel Music; and

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

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-5835  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE LUIS ARROYO JR, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, 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, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CELEBRATING NATIONAL HISPANIC AND LATINO/A HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, in September of 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed Public Law 90-498 into law, authorizing the President to designate the week of September 15th as “National Hispanic Heritage Week” in recognition of the extraordinary contributions Hispanics and Latino/a Americans had made, and in recognition of the anniversaries of the some of the first Latin American countries to declare their independence; and

**WHEREAS**, with the approval of Public Law 100-402 in 1988, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed September 15th through October 15th as National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanics and Latinos of every generation have made immense contributions to the defense of freedom at home and abroad through courageous service in the United States Military, the arts, education, mathematics, science, literature, technology and philanthropy in this county and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanics and Latinos have long been part of the fabric of Cook County, first being reported on the Illinois census in 1850 and reaching a population of 25,211 by 1930; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanics and Latinos have contributed to historical school desegregation efforts in the United States of America, starting in the 1930’s in the State of Texas, that led to efforts in California, that culminated in the impactful decision made in the state California in 1946 in Mendez v. Westminster School District, and Hispanics and Latinos, long after the desegregation of schools, have continued to fight for better education, such as the 2001 Hunger Strike in the Little Village community to have a new high school built; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic and Latinos continue to strive and excel in higher education, and continue to endeavor for the acceptance of immigrant students in institutions of higher learning, and continue to strive for equal treatment by the Federal Government on education financing; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanics and Latinos have contributed to Cook County’s social, political and economic development for over one hundred years and Hispanic and Latino/a contributions began at the turn of the century when millions of Mexicans came to the United States to work in agriculture under the Federal Bracero Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the numbers of Hispanics and Latinos greatly expanded during World War I and World War II when Puerto Rican and Mexicans began arriving in large numbers to work in the steel mills, stockyards and packinghouses and helped to build Cook County into an industrial powerhouse; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanics and Latinos have made considerable strides in the electoral arena, and continue to be a growing force shaping the local and national discourse that have led to growing numbers in leadership at all levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic and Latino/a leaders in all levels of government have continued to shape the dialogue concerning the state and future for all Hispanics and Latinos, and continue to make their respective communities proud of their efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic and Latinos have established vibrant communities in the traditional port of entry communities of Humboldt Park, Little Village, Pilsen, Back of the Yards, Southeast Chicago and continue to live and flourish throughout Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 50,000 Hispanic and Latino/a owned businesses across Cook County and this entrepreneurial vibrancy has helped revitalize numerous communities in Chicago and suburban communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County’s economy has always been a magnet for immigrant laborers from all over the world and immigrants from Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America and South America in particular and Cook County continues to welcome and value the contributions of immigrants.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby continue to celebrate September 15th through October 15th as Hispanic and Latino/a Heritage Month in Cook County, and encourages all Cook County residents to learn about the contributions of this community as well as partake in the many celebrations, festivities and activities in honor of National Hispanic and Latino/a Heritage Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

Approved and adopted this 25th of September 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Arroyo, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, that the Consent Calendar meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on October 23, 2019, in accordance with County Board Resolution 18-6705.**

**The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.**

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**KAREN A. YARBROUGH**  
County Clerk