

Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL



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Thursday, July 24, 2025

9:00 AM

Consent Calendar Meeting

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

FRANK J. AGUILAR
ALMA E. ANAYA
SCOTT R. BRITTON
JOHN P. DALEY
BRIDGET DEGNEN
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**MONICA GORDON
COUNTY CLERK**

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

OFFICIAL RECORD

President Preckwinkle in the chair.

CALL TO ORDER

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

QUORUM

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Commissioners, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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1. Juan Pablo Prieto, Chicago
2. Clent Gosberry (DJ Clent), Beatdown House
3. Antoine Humphries, The Urban Ark
4. Jaron Boyd, HaVoC Community Services
5. Corey Hill, Park Forest
6. Dr. ShaDawn Battle, Xavier University
7. Michael Davis, Creation Global, Creative Network
8. Miley Melendez, Creative Network

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9. Kent Jones, Creative Netowork/Chicago Footwork Dot Com
10. Aaron Neal, Terra Squad Footwork Company
11. Charles Lee Parks, Creation Global, Creative Network

25-2974
RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

2025 UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND NATIONAL WALK FOR EDUCATION

WHEREAS, in 1943, Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute suggested to the presidents of other private black colleges that they pool their monies and make a united appeal to the national conscience; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 1944, the United Negro College Fund (“UNCF”) was incorporated with twenty-seven member colleges as a not-for-profit entity established to assist its member institutions of higher education to raise funds from the public for their mutual support; and

WHEREAS, the importance of UNCF, and the historically Black colleges and universities it supports, promotes the value of higher education as well as the traditional values of family and heritage that have made this nation great; and

WHEREAS, over the past seven decades UNCF has grown to become the nation’s oldest and most successful African American higher education assistance organization in the country by having raised more than \$5 billion and having helped more than 500,000 students not just attend college, but thrive, graduate, and become leaders; and

WHEREAS, each year UNCF awards more than 10,000 student scholarships worth more than \$100 million and provides financial support to 37 member institutions; and

WHEREAS, each year UNCF raises funds through various campaigns, initiatives and events including an annual Walk for Education in various cities of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Annual UNCF Chicago Walk for Education is being held on Saturday, September 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has proudly supported UNCF’s efforts for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle is an honorary chair for the 2025 UNCF Chicago Walk for Education.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and express Cook County's support for the 2025 UNCF Chicago Walk for Education and commitment to provide assistance and resources to ensure its success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that under the leadership of the Bureau of Administration, various Cook County departments and agencies will collaborate with UNCF to plan, coordinate, and otherwise support the 2025 UNCF Chicago Walk for Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bureau of Administration shall be further authorized to utilize County resources, as necessary, to promote, plan and otherwise support the 2025 UNCF Chicago Walk for Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby acknowledge and commend the UNCF for its continued positive impact throughout the United States and express the County's sincere appreciation and gratitude for selecting President Preckwinkle as the honorary chair of the 2025 UNCF Chicago Walk for Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to UNCF in expressing Cook County's well wishes for a successful 2025 UNCF Walk for Education.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nay: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3228
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**COOK COUNTY HONORED WITH 78 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

WHEREAS, Cook County was honored with 78 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo), the highest number of awards the County has ever received; and

WHEREAS, the NACo awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of so many essential programs and initiatives led by Cook County is a source of pride for the President and Board of Commissioners and provides Cook County employees with well-deserved recognition; and

WHEREAS, this level of excellence in innovation and execution is attained through the ingenuity and hard work of the Cook County employees who have launched these critical programs for our residents; and

WHEREAS, Offices Under the President received 48 awards:

Office of the President (2): “Digital Inclusion Week”, and “Commercial Valuation Study”

Bureau of Administration (22): “Access Pilot Program: The Income-Based Reduced Transit Fare Benefit in Cook County, Illinois”, “Re-envisioning Mobility in the Cook County Transit Plan”, “Snow and Ice Control Chloride Reduction Initiative”, “Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program”, “Equitable Access to Digital Legal Research for the Self-Represented - Free, 24/7, and Remote”, “Healthy Homes for Healthy Families”, “Climate Resiliency Planning for Communities”, “Medical Examiner Case Archive Dashboard”, “Ambient Air Monitoring Network Enhancements”, “Preparing First Responders for a National Special Security Event: 2024 Democratic National Convention Training and Exercise Plan”, “Planning Complexities: Operation Gunslinger: Brookfield Zoo-Riverside High School Active Shooter Functional Exercise Program”, “Disaster Response and Recovery Fund”, “Emergency Planning Assistance Program”, “Businesses Reducing Impact on the Environment (BRITE) Grant Program”, “Halloween Rabid Bat Map”, “Unidentified Persons Project”, “Safety Handling Series”, “Environmental Justice”, “Streamlined Fellowship Process”, “Annual NACo Awards Ceremony”, “Owned Furniture Hub”, and “Black History Month Highlight Series”

Bureau of Asset Management (8): “Lead Service Line Replacement Funding Laison Assistance”, “Solar and Battery Powered Electric Vehicle Charging Station Pilot Project: Department of Corrections and Maywood Courthouse”, “Build Up Cook Capacity Building Workshops”, “John H. Stroger Emergency Entrance and Site Upgrades - Summer Safety Plan”, “Bronzeville Health Center Adaptive”, “Rebuilding Together”, “Oak Forest Salvage Program”, and “Intermediate Greenhouse Gas Goal Achievement”

Bureau of Economic Development (8): “Cook County Cannabis Development Grant”, “Tourism Alive”, “Employee-Facing Operations Team and Core Administrative Infrastructure”, “Dollar\$ and Sen\$e”, “Collaborative System to Set, Vet, and Utilize Program Metrics”, “Cook County ARTS - Nonprofit Relief Grants”, “Manufacturing Through Good Jobs Chicagoland”, and “Opportunity Works - Investing in Youth and Families”

Human Rights and Ethics (3): “Case Management System Launch”, “Doing Business Database”, and “2024 Fair Housing Advertising Campaign”; and

Bureau of Finance (2): “EOY Fiscal Closure Process Improvement Project”, and “Improving Operational Efficiency and Innovation: The Finance Transformation Office”

Bureau of Human Resources (1): “Modernizing Recruitment and Process Efficiencies”

Bureau of Technology (1): “Developing CookViewer 3.0 - A Modernized Property Information Application”

Justice Advisory Council (1): “Community of Care: Human-Centered Leadership Development for Cook County Supported Community-Based Organizations”; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Health and Hospitals received 19 awards: “EMT-B Apprenticeship Program”, “Value Based Care Program - Credit Where Credit is Due” “Transforming Maternal and Child Health: Cook County Health’s Comprehensive Women and Children’s Service Line”, “Empowering Nurses Through Engagement: The Journey to Nursing Excellence at CCH”, “Nursing Innovation & Research Center: Structural Empowerment in Nursing to Drive Innovation, Research, and Excellence”, “Cook County Health Meets the Specialty Care Needs of Cook County’s Largest Underserved Communities: Neurocritical Care at CCH.”, “Revenue Cycle Management’s (RCM) Turnaround Project: Supporting the Health System with Financial, Operational and Patient Experience Improvements”, “Launching of the Office of Behavioral Health to Improve the Landscape of Behavioral Healthcare Throughout Cook County”, “Good Food Purchasing Program”, “CountyCare Access: Providing Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults and Immigrant Seniors in Cook County”, “Surgical Robotic Program Helps Cook County Health Improve Patient Outcomes and Health Equity”, “Cook County HIV Integrated Programs”, “Driving Healthcare Equity with Advanced Technology Solutions”, “CCDPH Unfriend Tobacco Media Campaign”, “Cook County Healthy Work Initiative, Worker Protection Program”, “The Data Ambassadors Program”, and “The Emerging Leaders Program”, and “Eliminating Lead from Drinking Water for Illinois Families with Medicaid”; and “Cook County Health Meets the Specialty Care Needs of Cook County’s Largest Underserved Communities”, and

WHEREAS, the Assessor’s Office received three awards: “Building Partnerships with the Local Business Community & Commercial Industry”, and “Explaining the Property Tax System Using Plain Language and Inclusive Communication Strategies”, “Empowering Homeowners Through Community Engagement and Trust”; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Chief Judge received one award: “Restorative Justice Community Courts of Cook County”; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve received recognition for one award: “Des Plaines River Trail”; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Land Bank received recognition for one award: “Cook County Land Bank Authority’s Equity Fund Purchase Assistance Program”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Review received four awards: “Cook County Board of Review District 2 STARA Program”, “Cook County Board of Review District 2 Outreach Program”, “Cook County Board of Review District 2 Education Program” and “Property Tax Appeal Board Defense Initiative”; and

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WHEREAS, the Cook County Clerk's Office received one award: "Employee-Built Enterprise Software Solution".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend hearty congratulations to the Cook County employees who have worked so diligently to ensure the success of the 78 programs recognized by the National Association of Counties Achievement Awards, more information about which may be found on the National Association of Counties website (www.naco.org).

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3428
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, BRIDGET DEGNEN,
BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, DONNA MILLER,
STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND
JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUGUST 10TH SIX TRIPLE EIGHT DAY

WHEREAS, Cook County takes pride in honoring those who have served our nation with distinction, and in uplifting the stories of those whose contributions have too often gone unrecognized; and

WHEREAS, The 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, known as the “Six Triple Eight”, was the only all-Black, all-female battalion deployed overseas during World War II; and

WHEREAS, The Six Triple Eight bravely served in the European Theater, tasked with clearing an overwhelming backlog of undelivered mail- restoring the morale of millions of American service members; and

WHEREAS, These heroic women operated in segregated conditions and under the constant threat of attack, yet completed their mission in record time, processing millions of pieces of mail with exceptional efficiency and accuracy; and

WHEREAS, Sixty of the battalion's members called Illinois home, and several were born, raised, or educated in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, In 2025, the United States Congress awarded the 6888th the Congressional Gold Medal (the highest civilian award by the U.S. government given to an individual or group), recognizing their critical contributions to the war effort and the cause of equality; and

WHEREAS, March 9 has been recognized in other states as “Six Triple Eight Day,” marking the date the battalion arrived in Birmingham, England to begin their vital mission; and

WHEREAS, The County of Cook is proud to join this growing chorus of remembrance and recognition for the Six Triple Eight.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare August 10, 2025 as SIX TRIPLE EIGHT DAY in Cook County, IL., and urge all residents to honor the service, sacrifice, and legacy of the women of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3234
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, BRIDGET DEGNEN,
BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, DONNA MILLER,
STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND
JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

SISTER ROSEMARY CONNELLY, RSM., IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Sister Rosemary Connelly from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Sister Rosemary Connelly was the devoted daughter of the late Peter and Bridget Connelly of County Mayo Ireland; and

WHEREAS, Sister Rosemary Connelly was the loving sister of the late Marie (late Ed) O'Brien, Kathryn (late Robert), the late Donald Connelly, the late Joe (late Patricia) Connelly, and the late Patricia (late Bob) Martin; and

WHEREAS, Sister Rosemary Connelly was the dear aunt to many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and great-grandnieces and great grandnephews; and

WHEREAS, Sister Rosemary Connelly grew up in Chicago, where she attended Chicago parochial schools. Her family's deep faith and service to God led Sister Rosemary to join the Sisters of Mercy when she was 18 years old. Sister Rosemary's motto "Love Serves Joyfully" was inscribed in her professional ring she wore throughout her service; and

WHEREAS, Sister Rosemary Connelly earned a Bachelor of Social Science from St. Xavier University, a Master of Arts in Sociology from St. Louis University and a Master of Social Work from Loyola University. Sister Rosemary was awarded the University of Notre Dame's 2023 Laetare Medal, the oldest and most prestigious honor given to an American Catholic. Sister Rosemary received nine honorary degrees including the Order of the Lincoln Medallion (Illinois' highest award for lifelong outstanding achievements), the Illinois Entrepreneur of the Year Award from Ernst & Young, and a Caring Institute award which named her one of the most caring people in America; and

WHEREAS, Sister Rosemary Connelly served as a teacher, social worker and for 56 years as administrator of Misericordia Heart of Mercy which she was appointed to in 1969. In 1976 Sister Rosemary, along with 39 children and 35 staff moved Misericordia from the Southside to their new home on the Northside of Chicago. Today they serve more than 600 adults and children with intellectual and developmental

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disabilities. Through Sister Rosemary's guidance, Misericordia touches families and supporters from all backgrounds. She was instrumental in developing compassionate care for those with disabilities that is the cornerstone of one of the nations leading communities for adults and children disabilities and their families; and

WHEREAS, Sister Rosemary Connelly always credited her staff and the residents for making Misericordia an extraordinary place. She believed everyone is a gift and loved by God with a purpose in life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Sister Rosemary Connelly, her Misericordia family and the many friends 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 Sister Rosemary Connelly so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3426
RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION OF THE CTA RED-PURPLE
MODERNIZATION PROJECT IN COOK COUNTY'S 10TH DISTRICT**

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WHEREAS, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) has successfully completed a significant portion of the Red and Purple Modernization (RPM) Project, specifically the reconstruction of the stations and track structure between Lawrence and Bryn Mawr Avenues; and

WHEREAS, this transformative infrastructure effort is located in Cook County's 10th District and encompasses the complete rebuilding of four critical CTA stations: Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn, and Bryn Mawr; and

WHEREAS, the RPM Phase One Project represents the largest capital improvement in CTA's history and addresses a transit corridor that is more than a century old, benefiting tens of thousands of daily riders who depend on this essential public transit service; and

WHEREAS, the modernization work involved the complete demolition and reconstruction of century-old track structure, replacement of track and signals, and the creation of four fully accessible, modern stations that provide faster, safer, and more reliable service; and

WHEREAS, this project included the construction of new track support structures using an innovative phased approach to minimize service disruptions, along with enhancements to station platforms, lighting, safety systems, accessibility through elevators and ramps, and improved aesthetics and comfort for commuters; and

WHEREAS, the RPM project was made possible through the commitment and vision of local, state, and federal leaders, with funding sources including \$1.03 billion in federal grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Core Capacity Improvement program, matched with state and local funding, including resources from the State of Illinois' Rebuild Illinois capital program and Transit TIF funds; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and advocacy of elected officials were instrumental in securing the necessary support for the RPM project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby celebrates the successful completion of the Red-Purple Modernization Project from Lawrence to Bryn Mawr in Cook County's 10th District, honors the commitment and partnership of the CTA, construction workers, engineers, and planners who brought this project to fruition, and expresses deep appreciation to the elected officials whose leadership helped secure the resources to improve transit equity, access, and infrastructure for generations to come; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Chicago Transit Authority and other key partners as a token of this Board's recognition and appreciation.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3425
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING INDEPENDENT RETAILER MONTH AND HONORING THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IN COOK COUNTY'S 10TH DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Independent Retailer Month is celebrated each July to highlight the importance of small, locally owned businesses to our communities, economies, and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, independent retailers are the backbone of Cook County's diverse economy, providing jobs, goods, services, and community spaces that enrich the lives of residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the 10th District of Cook County is home to vibrant and resilient business corridors that thrive thanks to the tireless efforts of local Chambers of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, these Chambers of Commerce advocate for neighborhood businesses, provide essential programming and technical assistance, organize community events, promote shop-local campaigns, and foster connections among business owners, residents, and local government; and

WHEREAS, the following Chambers of Commerce, serving communities in the 10th District, are deserving of special recognition for their ongoing contributions to the vitality and sustainability of the local economy:

- Andersonville Chamber of Commerce
- Edgewater Chamber of Commerce
- Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce
- Uptown Chamber of Commerce
- Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce

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- Northalsted Business Alliance
- Jefferson Park Chamber of Commerce
- Edgebrook-Sauganash Chamber of Commerce
- Edison Park Chamber of Commerce
- Albany Park Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, these organizations work year-round to uplift small businesses by strengthening commercial corridors, supporting minority- and women-owned enterprises, helping entrepreneurs navigate city and county resources, and championing equitable economic development; and

WHEREAS, during Independent Retailer Month, Cook County joins communities across the country in celebrating the spirit, dedication, and impact of local business owners and those who support them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes July as Independent Retailer Month and commends the vital role of independent retailers in fostering economic opportunity and vibrant communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board honors the Andersonville, Edgewater, Lincoln Square, Ravenswood, Uptown, Lakeview East, North Halsted, Jefferson Park, Edgebrook-Sauganash, Edison Park, and Albany Park Chambers of Commerce for their unwavering commitment to promoting, protecting, and supporting local businesses in Cook County's 10th District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to each of the Chambers of Commerce as a token of appreciation and gratitude for their leadership and service.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3254
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, FRANK J. AGUILAR, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, STANLEY MOORE, MICHAEL SCOTT JR.,
KEVIN B. MORRISON, MAGGIE TREVOR AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN
COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the month of July is National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, a month-long initiative to bring awareness to the unique mental health struggles of all racial and ethnic minorities and American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations across the country; and

WHEREAS, National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month was brought before Congress, to be formally recognized on June 2, 2008, in honor of Bebe Moore Campbell with the goal of bringing forth solutions to the unique mental health struggles of racial and ethnic minorities; and

WHEREAS, mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being, and effects how we think, feel, and act, and helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices; and

WHEREAS, racial and ethnic minority populations experience numerous mental health disparities including higher rates of attempted suicide in adolescents and lower treatment rates for mental disorders like depression in adults; and

WHEREAS, limited access to culturally and linguistically appropriate services; and stigma surrounding mental health care and social determinates of health are factors that can lead to poor mental health outcomes for racial and ethnic minority; and

WHEREAS, in Mental Health America's 2024 state ranking report, Illinois ranked 15th overall, which indicates lower prevalence of mental illness and higher rates of access to care compared to lower ranked states; and

WHEREAS, despite Illinois's overall ranking, according to BMC Public Health, many minority groups in Illinois have disproportionate differences in access to health care which affects their health-related quality of life; and

WHEREAS, despite experiencing mental health issues at a similar rate to white Americans, among adults who report fair or poor mental health, minority groups are less likely to say they received mental health services in the past three years with Black adults (39%) and Hispanic adults (36%) compared to White adults (50%); and

WHEREAS, provider bias is a cause of mental health disparities among minorities, documented by the American Psychological Association (APA) 2023 report highlights that only 18% of psychologists identify as racial or ethnic minorities, compared to over 40% of the U.S. population. Specifically, 6% identify as Black/African American, 8% as Hispanic/Latino, 4% as Asian, and less than 1% as Native American; and

WHEREAS, diverse psychologists bring unique perspectives, improving the understanding and treatment of clients from varied backgrounds, and help bridge gaps in mental health disparities among underserved populations, underscoring the importance of improving the access to quality education and financial resources for students to pursue a career in behavioral health; and

WHEREAS, this year's National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month theme, "Turn Awareness into Action" calls on each of us to explore ways to strengthen our mental health through practices that reflect our values, our culture, and our needs; and

WHEREAS, although the mental health of individuals from different generations may be equally affected by racism and discrimination, they may face unique mental health challenges based on their age. Each age group also has their own unique wisdom to share when it comes to taking care of their own mental health and advocating for mental wellness in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and Cook County Health is leading by example in behavioral health care with the establishment of the 211 Metro Chicago behavioral health helpline and the Stronger Together: Building a More Equitable Behavioral Health System in Cook County Initiative among other programming throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body wishes to raise awareness to the issues presented herein by promoting National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month in Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby take this opportunity to acknowledge National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in conjunction with National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month that the month of July 2025 be hereby declared as National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month in the County of Cook; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body in recognition of National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3416
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**HONORING EDDIE KING JR. ON BEING DRAFTED BY THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM**

WHEREAS, Eddie King Jr. from Lynwood, Illinois was selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the recent Major League Baseball draft as pick 473 overall; and

WHEREAS, Eddie started playing baseball in the Lynwood Little League at the age of 6 and his talent was quickly evident; and

WHEREAS, Eddie was the youngest player at age 11 on the 2014 Jackie Robinson West Little League Championship team in the Little League World Series, and would meet President Barrack Obama and Michelle Obama as a result of the team's great success; and

WHEREAS, Eddie played on the White Sox Amateur City Elite Team for 12-17-year-olds, playing in the Willie Mays and Roberto Clemente Tournaments where he was named MVP for both events; and

WHEREAS, Eddie attended Marion Catholic High School, where he played all four years on the Varsity Baseball team and was named Captain during the 2020-2021 season and made the Illinois All State Team; and

WHEREAS, after graduating High School with a 3.7 GPA, Eddie attended the University of Louisville, where he starred in the outfield and last year was one of college baseball's top power and clutch hitters, making 55 appearances and 50 starts tallying 17 home runs, 19 doubles, a triple, 21 walks and 63 RBI with an OPS of 1.185, which was 3rd in the ACC and 16th in slugging percentage in all of Division 1 Baseball; and

WHEREAS, Eddie's outstanding year garnered him Second-Team All-ACC honors and he was named MVP of the Nashville Regional tournament and made the College World Series All-Tournament team; and

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WHEREAS, Eddie finished his career at the University of Louisville with 154 games played, a career .323 batting average, 36 home runs, 37 doubles, 3 triples, 45 walks, 23 stolen bases and 148 RBI; and

WHEREAS, Eddie received several accolades while attending the University of Louisville including the University of Louisville Fan Favorite, and Male Adidas High Performance Award to name a few; and

WHEREAS, just as he was at Marion Catholic High School, Eddie was a true scholar athlete, graduating from the University of Louisville with a degree in Sports Administration and earning a 3.65 GPA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend our deepest congratulations to Eddie King Jr. on being selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the Major League Baseball draft and on his successful academic career and wish him the best of luck as he pursues his baseball career; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Eddie King Jr., as a token of our esteem and recognition of his outstanding achievements.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3255
RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, FRANK J. AGUILAR, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON,
MICHAEL SCOTT JR., MAGGIE TREVOR AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING AUGUST AS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH IN
COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, communities across the country use the month each year to raise awareness about the important role vaccines play in preventing serious, sometimes deadly, diseases across a lifespan, and NIAM is now more important than ever with the emergence of diseases such as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, immunization isn't just for kids; to stay protected against serious illnesses like the flu, measles, and pneumonia, adults also need to get vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, National Immunization Awareness Month is a great time to promote vaccines and remind family, friends, and coworkers to stay up to date on their shots; and

WHEREAS, measles and whooping cough are just several vaccine-preventable diseases that threaten Americans, outbreaks continue to occur, and many vaccine-preventable diseases remain common; and

WHEREAS, in addition to saving lives, vaccines provide major cost savings by preventing serious infectious diseases, and prevent us from spending large amounts of money on treating them; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), for every \$1 spent on childhood vaccinations, our country saves \$10.90, and routine childhood vaccines given to children born between 1994-2023 will have prevented approximately 508 million cases of illness, 32 million hospitalizations, and 1,129,000 deaths, resulting in direct savings of \$540 billion and societal savings of \$2.7 trillion; and

WHEREAS, as the operator of one of the largest Public Health Systems in the country, Cook County Government and our health system share a large portion of the economic burden of treating preventable diseases, and vaccines are among the most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, vaccines have greatly reduced infectious diseases that once routinely caused severe illness and death. According to the CDC, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic approximately 50,000 adults died every year from vaccine-preventable illnesses; and

WHEREAS, vaccines are safe, effective and the best protection against these diseases, from infancy to early adulthood and into old age, and by getting vaccinated, we not only protect ourselves, we help stop the spread of disease to our children, families and communities; however, for vaccines to be most effective, vaccination rates must remain high; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, continuing disease outbreaks across the U.S. remain a public health concern, and lack of access to vaccines, combined with people who are not taking full advantage of opportunities to protect themselves, their families, and their communities, leaves people susceptible to preventable diseases; and

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WHEREAS, two decades ago, measles was declared eliminated in the U.S., yet we have seen more and more cases of measles outbreaks throughout the county including in Chicago and Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the explanation for measles' return is simply that fewer Americans are receiving vaccines; Since the turn of the century, the share of American children under the age of 2 who go unvaccinated has quadrupled, and a growing number of American parents are refusing vaccines and as a result we are welcoming back a disease that decades ago killed hundreds of people a year and hospitalized close to 50,000; and

WHEREAS, part of the problem is a collective forgetting of the devastation caused by diseases such as smallpox and polio that extinguished many lives and disfigured bodies and so we must remain vigilant and continue to educate our residents on the importance of vaccination; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body wishes to promote and raise awareness of National Immunization Awareness Month in Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby take this opportunity to acknowledge National Immunization Awareness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conjunction with National Immunization Awareness Month, that the month of August 2025 be hereby declared Immunization Awareness Month in the County of Cook, and encourages everyone to remind their family, friends, and coworkers to stay up to date on their shots; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body in recognition of National Immunization Awareness Month.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, ALMA E. ANAYA, BRIDGET DEGNEN,
BRIDGET GAINER, FRANK J. AGUILAR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
KEVIN B. MORRISON, STANLEY MOORE, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., MAGGIE TREVOR AND
JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL UTERINE FIBROID AWARENESS MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the month of July is recognized as Uterine Fibroid Awareness Month, a crucial time to shed light on a health condition that affects millions of women across the country; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation, more than 70% of US women will experience uterine fibroids, also called leiomyomas or myomas, by 50 years of age and they are the most common reason, aside from cancer, that women have their uterus removed through hysterectomy, but for Black women that rate is over 80%. Overall, uterine fibroids become more common, from age 30 to menopause, but Black women develop fibroids at a younger age, have more severe symptoms and develop higher rates of complications; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 26,000,000 women between the ages of 15 and 50 have uterine fibroids, and 25-50% of women with uterine fibroids are symptomatic and more likely to experience heavy and prolonged bleeding, bleeding between menstrual cycles, chronic pelvic pain among other symptoms; and

WHEREAS, Black women deserve access to high-quality and equitable health care for all maternal health needs, including the treatment of uterine fibroids, and an increased focus on education and advocacy on fibroids prevention, symptoms, treatment, and care as well as adequate insurance coverage are necessary to improve this aspect of Black women's maternal health and fertility; and

WHEREAS, although fibroids are benign tumors, negative maternal health outcomes for Black women who experience them, including late detections of diagnoses, increased rates of surgery-related mortality, and increased rates of hysterectomies have persisted, in fact across the U.S., women of African ancestry are more likely to be offered hysterectomy as the only treatment; and

WHEREAS, Black women with fibroids of all socioeconomic statuses and education levels suffer from a lack of fibroids relief because of non-comprehensive and costly treatment plans, minimal insurance coverage for scans, and harmful, invasive removals; and

WHEREAS, Black women are diagnosed 3 times more than white women and at a younger age resulting in negative maternal health outcomes for Black women who experience them, including late detections of diagnoses, increased rates of surgery-related mortality, and increased rates of hysterectomies; and

WHEREAS, symptomatic uterine fibroids can cause reproductive problems, including infertility and women with uterine fibroids are much more likely to miscarry during early pregnancy than women without them, 61% of women are unaware of treatment options for fibroids; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body wishes to raise awareness, education, and support, to empower individuals to seek timely medical advice and improve health outcomes related to uterine fibroids by promoting National Uterine Fibroid Awareness Month in Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby take this opportunity to acknowledge National Uterine Fibroid Awareness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in conjunction with National Uterine Fibroid Awareness Month that the month of July 2025 be hereby declared as National Uterine Fibroid Awareness Month in the County of Cook; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body in recognition of National Uterine Fibroid Awareness Month.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3377
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING CHRISTIAN BEDGOOD

WHEREAS, Christian Bedgood, a proud native of Chicago, Illinois, has excelled as a student-athlete at Marist High School, earning recognition as a four-year varsity soccer starter, team captain, and one of the top goal scorers in the East Suburban Catholic Conference; and

WHEREAS, Christian Bedgood has exemplified the values of service, integrity, and leadership as a proud son of U.S. Army veteran Deondre Bedgood and Tahira Bedgood, and a dedicated community volunteer in housing reconstruction, youth mentorship, and outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, Christian Bedgood has demonstrated skill, leadership, and sportsmanship as a midfielder and forward, contributing 10 goals, 7 assists, and 75 game appearances over his high school career, while playing club soccer with Inter FC and competing in regional and international tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Christian Bedgood has been recognized by WGN-TV, ABC7 Chicago, the Chicago Tribune, South Town, Beverly Review, and BodyArmor Sports for his excellence in athletics, academics, and community service; and

WHEREAS, Christian Bedgood has committed to the Rome City Institute in Rome, Italy, for the 2025-2026 gap year program, a prestigious opportunity that combines academic advancement with professional soccer development; and

WHEREAS, Christian Bedgood will be supported abroad by his older brother and personal trainer/manager, Langston Bedgood, who will reside in Italy to guide Christian's transition and athletic journey; and

WHEREAS, Christian Bedgood represents the very best of Chicago's youth-with grit, humility, and a global vision grounded in purpose and community impact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Christian Bedgood for his outstanding accomplishments, exemplary character, and inspiring commitment to both personal excellence and public service. Let this resolution serve as an enduring testament to his remarkable achievements and bright future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Christian Bedgood. Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nay: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

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The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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**25-3429
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**RECOGNIZING THE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE
COLOMBIAN COMMUNITY IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, July 20 is recognized as Colombia's Independence Day, a celebratory day for Colombians and Colombian-Americans in the diaspora; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to many in the Colombian diaspora, with some of the first Colombian residents arriving in Cook County in the 1950s; and

WHEREAS, since the 1950s, the Colombian population in Illinois has grown from 3,500 in 1970 to over 100,000 Colombians representing regions across Colombia and spanning various neighborhoods in the state of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2009, the city of Chicago, a Cook County municipality, signed a sister city agreement with Bogotá, Colombia, to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation through citizen diplomacy; and

WHEREAS, Colombian culture and influence can be seen and heard throughout Cook County through its many small businesses, artists, and cultural organizations; and

WHEREAS, longstanding notable local Colombians and Colombian institutions in Cook County include Guilibaldo Criollo, founder of Tierra Colombiana Dance, Colombianos Unidos Para Una Labor Activa, Orietta Montropez, founder of Colectivo Folclórico Y Cultural: Raíces de mi Tierra, and the Ortega Brothers, organizers of the annual Gran Festival Colombiano; and

WHEREAS, emerging Colombian entrepreneurs continue to share the richness of Colombian culture with a twist throughout Cook County, such as Cynthia Orobio, co-owner of Polombia, Juan and Nathalie Betancourt, co-owners of ArePA George, and the Acebedo family's independently owned Magnífico Coffee Roasters & Coffee Shop; and

WHEREAS, a new generation of Colombian creatives across Cook County are building community through the arts, such Pablo Alejandro, artist and designer for Palpable and owner of PSA Chicago, a community center for creatives, and the Más +57 Collective, which includes Samir J. Ghazaleh, creator of Estilombia, DJ and cultural curator Lilia "Escobae" Escobar, visual artist and MC IIIMPULSIVEEE, and Elsa Mejia, Evita Ortega and Zofia Ortega, founders of The Medium Productions; and

WHEREAS, many Colombian Americans work for and contribute to Cook County's municipalities and our neighborhoods every day, enhancing our social and cultural fabric; and

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WHEREAS, the Cook County Board recognizes the cultural importance and history surrounding the observance of Colombia's Independence and joins the Colombian community across Illinois in celebrating Colombia's 215th Independence Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, expresses its appreciation for the vibrancy, tenacity, and contributions of the Colombian community and wishes all who observe this holiday a happy and safe celebration; 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 the Colombian Consulate in Chicago and Gustavo Petro, President of the Republic of Colombia.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3473
RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE FRANK J. AGUILAR, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING THE VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE ON THEIR 150th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the place we now know and love as Riverside was home to diverse Native American communities long before the arrival of European explorers and traders; and

WHEREAS, in the 1820s, the area served as a major trading post due to its proximity to the Chicago Portage and Portage Trail, and from the 1830s through the 1860s, the area welcomed many settlers; and

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WHEREAS, in 1869, the Riverside Improvement Company hired Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux to prepare a town plan for the area along the bend of the Des Plaines River; and

WHEREAS, Riverside was one of the first planned communities in the United States by Frederick Law Olmsted; and

WHEREAS, Olmsted and Vaux conceived the General Plan of Riverside and the Riverside Improvement Company began implementation of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, in 1875, residents of unincorporated Riverside determined that a proper Village Government was necessary to complete the General Plan of Riverside and to provide essential public services for their new town. On August 8 of that year, the 29 residents of Riverside voted to officially incorporate the Village of Riverside as a municipality of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, incorporation was a pivotal moment that established Riverside as an independent municipal entity with its own governing structure and ability to implement local ordinances, manage public services, and preserve and grow the community's unique character; and

WHEREAS, due to the volunteer efforts of residents for the past 150 years, the essence of Olmsted and Vaux's General Plan remains intact, including expansive green parkways and public spaces, gas-lit street lanterns, and curvilinear streets. As a result, the Village has enjoyed a National Historic Landmark designation since 1970; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Village of Riverside is celebrating its 150th anniversary of incorporation, its Sesquicentennial, and this presents an opportunity to celebrate the past, acknowledge the present, and envision a bright future for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, this sesquicentennial year is an appropriate occasion to honor the legacy of the place we know and love as Riverside, to honor the 19th-century volunteers who understood the necessity and benefits of self-government, and to honor 20th and 21st-century volunteers who have continued to preserve and respect the Village of Riverside and all that it means; and

WHEREAS, Riverside's history and lasting beauty is a gem of Cook County and attracts families, businesses, and visitors who want to experience this historic village firsthand.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the contributions of the residents and leadership of the Village of Riverside should be recognized and celebrated; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Riverside has been a strong partner with Cook County and has worked together to deliver resources and support to their residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby honor the Village of Riverside on their 150th Anniversary in July of 2025.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

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Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3474
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE FRANK J. AGUILAR, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER ON THEIR 100th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Village of Westchester, Illinois, was officially incorporated in 1925 and is proudly celebrating 100 years of community, service, and progress in 2025; and

WHEREAS, development began in 1924, led by Samuel Insull and William Zelosky. An early promotional campaign proclaimed, “Here will be built a great community.”; and

WHEREAS, the name “Westchester” was chosen to reflect English roots, inspired by Westchester County, New York. The Village seal features a knight, symbolizing the original English-inspired design; and

WHEREAS, Westchester was founded with a vision of thoughtful planning, strong neighborhoods, and quality of life - principles that continue to guide the Village today; and

WHEREAS, weekly advertisements in Chicago newspapers raved about this growing new town that offered beautiful and affordable new homes with large lots that were walking distance to the new train line. Traffic jams could be found in Westchester as people drove out from the city on weekends to explore this new community; and

WHEREAS, shortly after their founding, Westchester experienced growth in many areas. “L” train service began in 1926 and was extended to Mannheim by 1930. In 1928, the Westchester School District was established; and

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WHEREAS, with the end of the war in 1945, the postwar economic boom began. During the 1940s and 1950s, over 2,000 homes were built, many by developer Walter Baltis. The village also established its own Fire Department and Library Park District during this period; and

WHEREAS, the following decades saw more growth and community building. The Westchester Community Pool was built and the village preserved Wolf Road Prairie, one of Illinois' last tallgrass prairies. Westchester also transformed industrial sites like the Westbrook Corporate Center into business hubs. In 1995, the Westchester Food Pantry was founded, which to this day provides vital support to residents in need; and

WHEREAS, Westchester continues to grow and celebrate their history. The centennial celebration series launched in 2025 with special events, historic retrospectives, and a fundraising campaign for local initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Village has continually evolved to meet the needs of its residents - investing in infrastructure, preserving natural spaces like the Wolf Road Prairie, supporting community services, and embracing digital tools and modern planning to build a more resilient future; and

WHEREAS, over the past century, Westchester has grown from a quiet garden suburb into a vibrant, diverse, and forward-thinking community while maintaining its welcoming, small-town feel; and

WHEREAS, Westchester takes great pride in honoring its history while continuing to grow and adapt, celebrating the people, events, and shared values that have made it, and continue to make it, "a good place to live"; and

WHEREAS, the Village's centennial celebration marks not only a time to reflect on its rich legacy but also to look ahead with optimism, unity, and a renewed commitment to public service, sustainability, and civic life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, through it all, Westchester continues to honor its history while evolving into a more modern, connected, and inclusive community - remaining true to its long-held identity as a "good place to live.;" and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and congratulate the Village of Westchester and commends its century-long tradition of community spirit, thoughtful leadership, and progress; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby honor the Village of Westchester on their Centennial Anniversary in July of 2025.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3484
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF AUGUST AS NATIONAL WELLNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, August is National Wellness Month, a time to focus on all aspects of wellbeing: physical, mental, emotional, and social; and

WHEREAS, the month focuses on self-care, stress management, and healthy routines; and

WHEREAS, it is to raise awareness on the importance of self-care and encourage healthy habits into daily lives; and

WHEREAS, according to YouGov, about 32% of US adults engage in self-care daily and around 43% weekly; and

WHEREAS, since the pandemic, the wellness economy has grown at a rapid pace due to the rise in the realization of need; and

WHEREAS, the wellness industry's global market has reached \$6.3 billion in 2023 and is expected to reach \$9 billion by 2028; and

WHEREAS, the four pillars of wellness are nutrition, exercise, relaxation, and sleep; and

WHEREAS, regular exercise and proper nutrition can help prevent cardiovascular disease, obesity, and fall risk behaviors; and

WHEREAS, Gen Z and millennials are increasingly prioritizing wellness, with 30% of Gen Z and millennials reporting they prioritize wellness a lot more than last year; and

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WHEREAS, employees surveyed in the US reported that their work contributed to the decline of their physical health; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, only about 24% of workers in the US felt their organization cared about their well-being; and

WHEREAS, due to the decline of wellness in employees in the US, many have come to prioritize remote jobs; and

WHEREAS, this month is a time to reflect on our routines, make positive changes, and prioritize our health and well-being.

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

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nay: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-3485
RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA AND FRANK J. AGUILAR,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF AUGUST AS NATIONAL WATER QUALITY MONTH

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WHEREAS, August is National Water Quality Month, a time to raise awareness about the importance of clean water, the protection of water resources, and the impact of water quality on public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, National Water Quality Month was first established in 2005 through a joint resolution by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the United Nations to draw attention to the need for sustainable water management and pollution prevention; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), only 2.5% of the Earth's water is freshwater, and less than 1% is accessible for human use, making it a critically limited and vulnerable resource; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reports that nearly 44% of rivers and 64% of lakes across the United States are considered damaged due to pollution or contamination; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Drinking Water Act (enacted in 1974) and the Clean Water Act (enacted in 1972) form the foundation of federal efforts to regulate water quality and ensure that public water systems meet health-based standards; and

WHEREAS, water pollution disproportionately affects underserved and low-income communities, who are more likely to live near industrial waste sites or aging water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, contaminants such as lead, PFAS (forever chemicals), nitrates, and pathogens continue to pose serious risks to drinking water supplies and human health; and

WHEREAS, clean water is essential for drinking, sanitation, agriculture, manufacturing, and ecosystem health; and

WHEREAS, National Water Quality Month serves as an important reminder to conserve water, reduce pollution, and advocate for policies that protect this vital resource for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, individuals, municipalities, industries, and organizations all play a role in preserving water quality through education, innovation, and community engagement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the month of August as National Water Quality Month

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller,

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Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

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Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3486
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**CELEBRATING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES
ACT (ADA)**

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guarantees equal access and opportunities for individuals with disabilities in employment, public accommodations, transportation, telecommunications, and state and local government services; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) became law on July 26, 1990, when President George H.W. Bush signed it; and

WHEREAS, it marked a significant legislative milestone designed to prevent discrimination against people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) was signed into law in 2008 and became effective on January 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the ADAAA made many significant changes to the definition of "disability." The changes in the definition of disability in the ADAAA apply to all titles of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, the changes included Title I (employment practices of private employers with 15 or more employees, state and local governments, employment agencies, labor unions, agents of the employer, and joint management-labor committees); Title II (programs and activities of state and local governments); and

WHEREAS, the ADA confirms the country's dedication to providing individuals with disabilities the same rights and opportunities as others, advocating for inclusion, independence, and equal access; and

WHEREAS, approximately 27% of U.S. adults-more than 61 million people-have a disability, which is about 1 in 4 individuals; and

WHEREAS, older adults (over 65) experience higher rates, with nearly 40% having a disability. Additionally, low-income communities and people of color are more affected due to limited access to healthcare and early intervention; and

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WHEREAS, July is celebrated as ADA Anniversary Month, a period to recognize the progress achieved, acknowledge ongoing efforts toward complete equity and inclusion, and honor the contributions of individuals with disabilities to our communities and society; and

WHEREAS, although progress has been achieved, barriers persist. We reaffirm our duty to promote accessibility, eliminate obstacles to full inclusion, and endorse policies that protect the rights and dignity of people with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners marks the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nay: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3488
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

RECOGNIZING NEARLY THREE DECADES OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF EFRAIN MATA

WHEREAS, Assistant Executive Director Efrain Mata, a proud Chicago native, was raised on 18th Street in the Pilsen neighborhood, where he first cultivated his commitment to his community through acts of service such as gardening around Saint Ann's Parish during the 1980's; and

WHEREAS, as a student at Quigley Seminary South High School, Mr. Mata extended his service to the broader community by volunteering at numerous nonprofit organizations throughout the Chicago area; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Mata began his career in public service in 1996 with the Cook County Sheriff's Office as a corrections officer, and in 1998, he was appointed as a police officer; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Director Mata was assigned to the Narcotics Investigation Unit and later served with distinction as a Task Force Officer for the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration for 12 years, addressing the widespread harms caused by illicit drug activity on individuals, families, and communities across all socioeconomic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Director Mata was selected as a Crisis Negotiator on the Hostage Barricade Team, further demonstrating his calm leadership and ability to de-escalate high-stakes situations; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Director Mata was instrumental in launching the Overdose Response Strategy and was assigned to the Treatment Response Team, where his commitment to innovation, public safety, and compassionate care reshaped approaches to substance use and recovery; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Director Mata was promoted to Police Sergeant of the Treatment Response Team and led the creation of the Co-Responder Virtual Assistance Program (CVAP), a nationally recognized initiative that transformed how law enforcement responds to mental health crises-offering virtual support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

WHEREAS in 2023, Director Mata was appointed Assistant Executive Director of Police for Treatment Response Team Programs, where he continues to serve as a thought leader in public safety, drug awareness, and mental health response; and

WHEREAS, Director Mata is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command and has been recognized with numerous honors, including 6 Department Commendations, 5 Unit Citations, 3 Honorable Mentions, and 3 awards from the Chicago Crime Commission and Cook County Crime Stoppers; and

WHEREAS, outside his professional achievements, Director Mata serves on nonprofit boards such as Beyond the Ball and New-Life Community Centers, continuing to uplift youth in the Little Village and Pilsen neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Director Mata is not only a decorated public servant and community advocate, but also a devoted husband and father who has always emphasized the importance of family, integrity, and giving back to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do honor and commend Assistant Executive Director Efrain Mata for his 30 years of outstanding public service, leadership, and unwavering dedication to the well-being of the people of Cook County and the broader Chicago area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Director Efrain Mata as an honorable expression of sincere gratitude and admiration for a lifetime of service and impact.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

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Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3487
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING THE HUGHES SOCOL PIERS RESNICK & DYM LTD. (HSPRD), ON THEIR
40TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, founded by Mark Dym in Chicago in 1985, Hughes Socol Piers Resnick & Dym Ltd. (HSPRD) has earned a reputation for excellence, innovation, and influence across civil rights, mass torts, immigration, employment law, and related fields; and

WHEREAS, HSPRD attorneys have achieved more than \$1 billion in verdicts and settlements and have handled key cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and other federal and state courts; and

WHEREAS, HSPRD strongly emphasizes sustainability, as evidenced by its receipt of the Chicago Department of Environment's Tenant Achievement Award for its involvement in green office initiatives; and

WHEREAS, HSPRD is dedicated to diversity and inclusion. It provides flexible work hours and supports domestic partners, emphasizing its core belief that diversity fosters innovation and justice; and

WHEREAS, HSPRD upholds a strong social justice mission, regularly participating in civil rights advocacy, celebrating Pride and Juneteenth, and receiving several awards for public interest efforts; and

WHEREAS, HSPRD is involved with many community organizations such as ARISE, Centro Romero, Farmworker Landscape Advocacy Project (FLAP), Federation of Women Contractors, and many more; and

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WHEREAS, HSPRD continues to expand, with approximately 40 attorneys and 28 partners, demonstrating a strong focus on litigation and transactional law; and

WHEREAS, HSPRD has earned numerous awards, including the Outstanding Achievement Award from The Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, as well as the Excellence in Accessibility Advocacy Award from the Illinois Association of the Deaf, among others; and

WHEREAS, HSPRD has celebrated forty years of dedicated law practice, community leadership, and unwavering commitment to justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Hughes Socol Piers Resnick & Dym Ltd. (HSPRD) on their 40th 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 Hughes Socol Piers Resnick & Dym Ltd. (HSPRD) in honor of their outstanding work.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3490
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE SCOTT R. BRITTON, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA,
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY,**

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**DR. KISHA E. MCCASKILL, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA,
KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS,
MAGGIE TREVOR AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

RECOGNIZING JULY AS DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, Disability Pride Month is celebrated annually in the month of July, highlighting the history, culture, and achievements of individuals with disabilities, and commemorates the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 1990; and

WHEREAS, technology that is used readily in our day-to-day lives can be traced to the disability community; and

WHEREAS, voice assistants commonly used to set timers, were created for blind individuals to navigate their surroundings; and

WHEREAS, electric toothbrushes were originally designed to assist individuals with limited grip strength and coordination; and

WHEREAS, ramps used for wheelchair access also alleviate strain for those with wagons, luggage, and strollers; and

WHEREAS, Cook County led the way toward disability equity when Chicago disability rights advocates, led by Mike Ervin, won a landmark civil rights case requiring CTA buses to install wheelchair lifts in 1988 -- a win that gave momentum to efforts to pass the ADA; and

WHEREAS, Disability Pride Month originated as a daylong celebration that took place in Boston in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has been home to a number of prominent disability rights activists including Marcia Bristo, founder of Access Living and fierce advocate for accessible public transit; Justin Dart Jr., a decades-long champion within the disability rights movement and is often heralded as the “father of the ADA;” and

WHEREAS, Chicago hosted the first Disability Pride Parade in 2004, which has grown to nationwide events of celebration and empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Disability Pride Month serves as a backdrop to uplift the significant contributions made by individuals with disabilities who are from Cook County, including Senator Tammy Duckworth, visual artist Matt Bodett, Project Onward multimedia artist William Douglas, and DJ and music producer Frankie Knuckles; and

WHEREAS, Cook County commits to adapt its programs, funding, and infrastructure to meet the needs and abilities of individuals through programming, reform, and investment; and

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WHEREAS, Cook County's Long Range Transportation Plan promotes equal access to opportunity by providing compliant facilities that can be utilized by citizens with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's Department of Transportation and Highways commits to designing the existing streets and intersections to provide enhanced mobility for bicycling, walking, transit, seniors, families with young children and those with disabilities by adding bike lanes, sidewalks and improved compatibility with bus traffic; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Offices Under the President (OUP) has released and implemented the Language Access Policy, designed to provide guidelines and resources for employees to use to provide accessible and responsive services to address language access, disability access, and digital equity including universal sign-language interpreters; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance prohibits the discrimination or harassment on the basis of a person's race, color, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, military discharge status, source of income (including use of a Housing Choice Voucher), housing status, gender identity, criminal history, bodily autonomy, pregnancy status, ethnicity and caste, and encourages individuals to file a complaint with Cook County Department of Human Rights and Ethics if they are a victim of discrimination due to disability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County Board of Commissioners to hereby celebrate and recognize July as Disability Pride Month; and

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

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, BRIDGET DEGNEN,
BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. MCCASKILL, DONNA MILLER,
STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND
JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

EDWARD JUNG, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Edward Jung from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Edward Jung was the loving husband of the late Wendy Jung for 32 wonderful years; and

WHEREAS, Edward Jung was the loving father of Matthew (Lori) Jung and Ashleigh (Patrick) Layton; and

WHEREAS, Edward Jung was the proud yeye to his three grandchildren, Sophie Jung, Lucie Layton, and Graham Jung; and

WHEREAS, Edward Jung was the fond brother of Richard (Delilah Chan) Jung; and

WHEREAS, Edward Jung was the loving partner to Aileen Toy-Sanford; and

WHEREAS, Edward Jung was the President at the Chinese American Museum of Chicago and a member of the Chinese Civil Council for many years; and

WHEREAS, Edward Jung made an impact on many lives and will be truly missed for his dedication to support the museum and bringing people together; and

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

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 Edward Jung 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 Edward Jung, so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3448
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF RENEE FERGUSON**

WHEREAS, in solemn assembly and with profound respect, we gather to commemorate the extraordinary life and indelible legacy of Renee Ferguson, an intrepid journalist, a trailblazer in investigative reporting, and an unwavering champion for truth, justice, and equity in American society; and

WHEREAS, born on August 22, 1949, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Mary Anderson Ferguson and Eugene Ferguson, Renee was nurtured in a community marked by segregation, and forged in an environment shaping her resolute sense of social justice and igniting her lifelong passion and calling for storytelling; and

WHEREAS, Renee graduated from Douglass High School in 1967 and went on to earn a degree in journalism from Indiana University in 1971, thereby embarking on a path distinguishing her professionally and uplifting the voices of the marginalized and disenfranchised; and

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WHEREAS, Renee's early career began at WLWI-TV in Indianapolis, where she emerged as one of the few African American women in television journalism at the time. Her pioneering presence broke barriers and laid the groundwork for future generations of journalists of color; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Renee joined WBBM-TV in Chicago, making history as the first African American woman to serve as an investigative reporter on a Chicago television news team. Her formidable talents later led her to CBS News as a national correspondent in New York and Atlanta, before she returned to Chicago in 1986 to lend her investigative acumen to the esteemed UNIT 5 team at WMAQ-TV; and

WHEREAS, through her fearless and unflinching investigations, Renee illuminated systemic injustices and catalyzed reform, tackling such critical issues as racial discrimination, housing inequities, healthcare disparities, and institutional misconduct. Her landmark exposés included uncovering the strip-searching of Black women at O'Hare Airport, the culture of sexual harassment at the Ford Motor Plant, and abuses within the Chicago Police Department. Renee redefined the role of journalism as a vehicle for public accountability and transformative justice; and

WHEREAS, Renee's journalistic excellence garnered her numerous accolades, including seven Emmy Awards, an Associated Press Award for Best Investigative Reporting, and the prestigious Alfred I. DuPont Columbia University Award. Each award served as a testament to Renee's ethical rigor, narrative brilliance, and relentless pursuit of truth; and

WHEREAS, beyond the accolades and headlines, Renee was a beacon of mentorship and empowerment, offering guidance, encouragement, and opportunity to emerging journalists, particularly young reporters of color, thereby reshaping newsrooms into spaces to better and fully reflect the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, deeply rooted in the Hyde Park and Kenwood neighborhoods, Renee was beloved not only for her professional accomplishments, but also for her innumerable acts of kindness, generosity of spirit, and her commitment to fostering community pride, cultural vibrancy, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, with heavy hearts yet immense gratitude, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, along with community members and colleagues, honor Renee's legacy not solely in grief but in celebration of a life that brought light, truth, and integrity to the world around her; and

WHEREAS, Renee's legacy continues through her devoted son, Jason Smikle, and in the enduring impact of her groundbreaking journalism, which captured the complex mosaic of the human condition and the soul of the city she loved; and

WHEREAS, today we gather not in mourning, but in affirmation Renee Ferguson lived magnificently. This commemoration offers space for all whose lives she touched to reflect upon her transformative influence, share cherished memories, and commit to upholding the values she championed; and

WHEREAS, Renee's life was further enriched by her profound partnership with her late husband, Ken Smikle, publisher of Target Market News and a tireless advocate for Black media, who passed away in 2018 after a courageous journey bringing critical attention to the importance of organ donation; and

WHEREAS, the bond between Renee and Ken was emblematic of love in its truest form, devoted, resilient, and expansive. Their lives were deeply intertwined in purpose and affection, each uplifting the other

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through personal trials and public triumphs. Their presence was a gift to the communities they cherished, particularly in Kenwood and Hyde Park, where their love radiated through every act of service and care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, Bill Lowry, Cook County Commissioner of the 3rd district, and Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board Of Commissioners, extended community of journalists, activists, neighbors, and admirers, hereby extend our deepest appreciation and admiration for the life, work, and legacy of Renee Ferguson, a fearless truth-teller, a vanguard of justice, and a beloved daughter of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we do hereby proclaim this day in tribute to Renee Ferguson, honoring her as a visionary in the field of broadcast journalism, a relentless advocate for justice, and a compassionate human being whose legacy will endure in the stories we tell and the truths we pursue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Renee Ferguson as a lasting tribute to her remarkable legacy and in grateful acknowledgment of her exceptional life of service of the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd. District.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3446
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

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A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE OF SUPERVISOR CALVIN JORDAN, NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF COOK COUNTY (TOCC)

WHEREAS, the Township Officials of Cook County (TOCC), established in 1966, serves as a cornerstone institution dedicated to enhancing the efficacy of local governance by offering essential educational resources, professional development opportunities, and intergovernmental collaboration for township officials throughout Cook County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, TOCC's mission remains steadfast in strengthening the administrative capacities of supervisors, clerks, assessors, highway commissioners, and trustees, while fostering innovation and shared best practices across townships; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Calvin Jordan continues to distinguish himself as a consummate public servant demonstrating exceptional vision, ethical leadership, and an unwavering commitment to community advancement in his dual roles as Supervisor and Democratic Committeeman of Rich Township; and

WHEREAS, with over three decades of impactful experience in executive leadership, civic engagement, and economic development, Supervisor Jordan cultivates and implements transformative initiatives aimed at uplifting underserved populations and catalyzing social progress; and

WHEREAS, the late Cook County Board President John H. Stroger Jr., whose legacy of public service laid a foundation for inclusive policy-making, deeply informed Supervisor Jordan's leadership philosophy and further strengthened by Supervisor Jordan's ongoing collaboration with current Board President Toni Preckwinkle to promote equity-driven, community-responsive governance; and

WHEREAS, The members of TOCC duly elected Supervisor Calvin Jordan as the new President of TOCC on June 26, 2025. Supervisor Calvin Jordan now assumes this prestigious role with a bold commitment to transparency, accountability, and strategic collaboration, seeking to ensure all township residents-regardless of geography or socioeconomic status-receive meaningful representation in the public discourse; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends and celebrates the exemplary leadership of Supervisor Jordan and recognizes the importance of his election as a pivotal moment in furthering TOCC's mission to cultivate ethical, effective, and inclusive township governance across the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges the significance of the TOCC leadership transition and formally invites its members to join the Cook County Board meeting on July 24, 2025, as the Board extends our collective congratulations to Supervisor Jordan and reaffirm our shared commitment to the advancement of good government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, Bill Lowry, Cook County Commissioner of the 3rd district, and Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board Of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby extend our sincere congratulations and full support to Supervisor Calvin Jordan in his capacity as President of the Township Officials of Cook County.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we applaud his steadfast devotion to public service and affirm our confidence in his ability to guide TOCC with distinction and integrity, thereby enhancing the quality of life for all residents of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Supervisor Calvin Jordan as a lasting tribute to his remarkable legacy and in grateful acknowledgment of his exceptional life of service and partnership with the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry, 3rd District.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3445
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**RESOLUTION HONORING ALAN COBY MILLENDER, SR. AS A LEADER IN UNION AND
LABOR ADVOCACY**

WHEREAS, Alan Coby Millender, Sr. has dedicated over 36 years of service to the UAW Local 551 and Ford Motor Company, exemplifying transformative leadership, operational excellence, and unwavering commitment to workers' rights; and

WHEREAS, as a five-time elected Chairman at the Chicago Assembly Plant (CAP), he is the longest-serving Chairman among all Ford assembly plants and the first African American to hold this pivotal leadership position, breaking barriers and paving the way for future generations of diverse union leaders; and

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WHEREAS, his leadership has resulted in historic achievements, including the successful negotiation of a landmark \$7.5 million local contract in 2023-the largest in CAP's history-ensuring fair wages, benefits, and job security for union members; and

WHEREAS, he led the creation of Ford Motor Company's first Wellness and Resource Center at CAP, a vital initiative to promote employee health, well-being, and sustainable careers; and

WHEREAS, his strategic leadership was instrumental in securing and maintaining the Lincoln Aviator production line at CAP from 2019 to the present, securing vital employment and economic stability for the plant's workforce; and

WHEREAS, Alan's comprehensive union experience spans multiple roles-from Bargaining Unit Member and Relief Worker to District Committee Person and Alt Committeeperson-providing him with a ground-up understanding of plant operations, membership needs, and collective bargaining; and

WHEREAS, his extensive manufacturing background-serving as a Body Shop Worker, Welder Inspector, Utility Specialist, and Team Leader-gives him invaluable insight into the daily realities of workers, allowing him to advocate with integrity and authenticity; and

WHEREAS, beyond his professional achievements, Alan Coby Millender, Sr. is a proud father and grandfather, and a resilient individual with over 22 years of sobriety, exemplifying strength, resilience, and service both within and outside the union movement; and

WHEREAS, his leadership embodies the power of union solidarity, collective bargaining, and advocacy for fair wages, sustainable careers, and worker empowerment, inspiring others to stand together for economic justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President, Toni Preckwinkle, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby honor and recognize Alan Coby Millender, Sr. for his exemplary leadership, dedication, and groundbreaking contributions to the labor movement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend his unwavering commitment to elevating the rights of workers, strengthening union power, and fostering a culture of resilience, upward mobility, and community service.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3477
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

RESOLUTION HONORING ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM HUDSON III AND PASTOR ANDRIA HUDSON ON THE GRAND OPENING OF POWERHOUSE POSEN, THE HOSTING OF THE 35TH ANNUAL HOLY CONVOCATION OF PILGRIM ASSEMBLIES INTERNATIONAL, AND DECLARING JUNE 28TH AS ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM HUDSON III DAY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Archbishop William Hudson III and Pastor Andria Hudson faithfully serve as the visionary leaders of The Powerhouse Chicago, a transformational and prophetic ministry with deep roots in the City of Chicago and an expanding presence throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, under their inspired leadership, The Powerhouse has established three active worship campuses within Cook County: Powerhouse Englewood located at 6907 S. Halsted Street; Powerhouse Washington Heights located at 944 W. 103rd Street; and the newly launched Powerhouse Posen located at 14410 McKinley Avenue in the Village of Posen; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop William Hudson III, a dynamic prophetic preacher and international spiritual leader, serves as the Senior Pastor of The Powerhouse Chicago and the Presiding Prelate of Pilgrim Assemblies International, guiding with bold vision, profound teaching, and a global mission to empower believers; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Andria Hudson, a powerful intercessor, mentor, and spiritual guide, has played a vital role in shaping healing and restorative spaces throughout Chicagoland and beyond, ministering to the holistic needs of individuals and families across diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, The Powerhouse is widely recognized for cultivating a powerful worship experience described as “the birth of a sound,” a prophetic and spiritual expression that has brought healing, deliverance, and breakthrough to countless individuals locally and globally; and

WHEREAS, through their unwavering commitment to faith, outreach, and prophetic leadership, Archbishop and Pastor Hudson have empowered thousands to live “10X Better,” advancing a justice-centered, inclusive, and transformative ministry model rooted in faith, healing, and holistic empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the grand opening of Powerhouse Posen on Saturday, June 28, 2025, marks a significant milestone in their apostolic vision to bring impactful ministry beyond Chicago’s city limits-extending

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spiritual formation, outreach, and community transformation to the Village of Posen and surrounding suburbs; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop William Hudson III and Pilgrim Assemblies International will host the 35th Annual Holy Convocation of Pilgrim Assemblies International in Cook County at Greenwood Oasis, convening thousands of spiritual leaders, believers, and changemakers from across the globe for a time of worship, impartation, renewal, and fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop Hudson's ministry and leadership have consistently emphasized the importance of building strong communities, advocating for justice, and investing in the spiritual and social development of the people of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his extraordinary leadership, ministry impact, and unwavering dedication to the spiritual, cultural, and civic fabric of our region, June 28th shall henceforth be designated as "Archbishop William Hudson III Day" in the County of Cook.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Board, President Toni Preckwinkle, along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby honor and recognize Archbishop William Hudson III and Pastor Andria Hudson on the grand opening of Powerhouse Posen, commend their continued leadership at all Powerhouse campuses, and celebrate the hosting of the 35th Annual Holy Convocation of Pilgrim Assemblies International in Cook County; and further express deep gratitude for their faithful commitment to uplifting communities and transforming lives throughout this county and beyond;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, archived in the permanent records of Cook County, and presented to Archbishop and Pastor Hudson in commemoration of their distinguished service, with special recognition of June 28th as Archbishop William Hudson III Day in Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3476
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING THE COOK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE FOR ITS POSITIVE
COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, a Public Defender's Office is essential to the progress of a just and equitable society and an important component of our system of justice as outlined in the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees the right to counsel in criminal prosecutions, and is the basis for the public defender system; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Public Defender's Office is tasked with providing unbiased legal representation to those who cannot afford a private attorney; and

WHEREAS, our Cook County Public Defender's Office is paramount to the success of our citizens, exemplified through the work they do and the many community-based programs they offer; and

WHEREAS, programs such as the Know Your Rights Campaigns, Dialogue with Community, Law Students Volunteer and Internship Program, and Community Defense Centers, as well as their many other programs build rapport between community members and public defenders allowing for an easier execution of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Dialogue with Community offers a space to facilitate a Q&A style dialogue where the community can seek information in regards to the inner workings of the office as well as the office asking the community for feedback on their work, they also take that opportunity to provide information and connect people with resources; and

WHEREAS, the Law Students Volunteer and Internship Program allows recent graduates and current law students the opportunity to shadow an attorney so they can get a better sense of the justice system by directly participating; and

WHEREAS, additionally the Public Defender's office hosts Know Your Rights events with the goal of boosting community knowledge about their constitutional rights, including anyone who has been detained by the police, as well as informing people of the free legal services provided by the Public Defender's Office and in doing so increasing trust from the community; and

WHEREAS, the office uses resources such as social media and volunteer work to promote community engagement; and

WHEREAS, recently, the Office of the Public Defender completed a major initiative in the Roseland neighborhood with the launch of the Roseland Defense Center. This center reimagines traditional legal defense by moving it beyond the courtroom and into the heart of the community. Through this innovative approach, the center offers both legal representation and vital community services and resources; and

WHEREAS, despite these critical contributions, public defenders face numerous challenges that impact their ability to effectively serve the community; and

WHEREAS, given that the Public Defender's Office provides free legal representation, it is established that the majority of their revenue comes from county and state funding, which equates to approximately \$110 million annually; and

WHEREAS, Public Defenders make significantly less than their counterparts in the private sector with a pay gap of around 11.76% for newcomers and 43.7% for top earners; and

WHEREAS, Public Defenders' caseloads often exceed national standards, resulting in some experiencing burnout, with approximately 150 felony cases and 400 misdemeanors cases per attorney, with some reporting upwards of 2000 misdemeanors per year; and

WHEREAS, additionally due to the lack of time Public Defenders have to communicate with the clients they are assigned, there exists an 86% chance that the case will result in a guilty plea; and

WHEREAS, despite the stress and challenges inherent to public service, the Cook County Public Defender's Office consistently fulfills its duties to the best of its ability; and

WHEREAS, as evidenced by their commitment to offering community-based programs to populations who need them most and fulfilling their constitutional duty of providing their clients with due process, the Public Defender's Office is a vital resource to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor and commend the Cook County Public Defender's Office for its dedication to justice and the innovative community-based programs that strengthen public trust and engagement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board recognizes the vital role of public defenders in upholding constitutional rights and ensuring access to justice for all individuals, regardless of economic status; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners honors the Public Defender's Office for their work and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Public Defender as a token of our respect and esteem.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

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Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3462
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

IN MEMORIAM OF ELK GROVE VILLAGE CLERK LORRIE MURPHY

WHEREAS, Loretta "Lorrie" Murphy was born August 14, 1961, in Chicago IL; and

WHEREAS, Murphy began her nearly two decades of service to Elk Grove Village in 2005 when she was hired as a senior clerk for the Village; and

WHEREAS, Murphy then went on to serve as an executive secretary in the village manager's office starting in 2012; and

WHEREAS, for the last eight years, Murphy has served as the Elk Grove Village Clerk, calling the roll at meetings, keeping official records, and helping coordinate local elections; and

WHEREAS, Murphy was known for her diligent work on behalf of the community, and a dear friend to those she worked with; and

WHEREAS, Murphy passed away peacefully with family by her side on Friday June 6, 2025, at 63 years old; and

WHEREAS, Murphy is survived by her husband, Michael, of 41 years and two children Kelli and Kyle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathies to the family and many friends of Lorrie Murphy 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 suitable copies be tendered to the family of Lorrie Murphy and Elk Grove Village Mayor Craig Johnson, so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

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TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

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Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3471
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATOR LORI OROZCO
RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Lori Orozco has been a proud resident of Streamwood since 1994; and

WHEREAS, a devoted wife to her husband Dan, loving mother to four children-Tim, Stephanie, Kimberly, and Anthony-and a cherished grandmother to Emma, Jaxson, and Eleanor, Lori has always placed family and community at the heart of her life; and

WHEREAS, joining Hanover Township in 2004, Lori began her service to the community in her role as Assistant to the Clerk; and

WHEREAS, since 2009, she has served as Hanover Township's Human Services Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, over the years, she has become known for her dedication, compassion, and as a trusted advocate and tireless supporter of residents in need; and

WHEREAS, one of Lori's most notable achievements was becoming one of the first township-accredited Veteran Service Officers in the State of Illinois-a reflection of her deep respect for veterans and commitment to ensuring they receive the services and support they deserve; and

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WHEREAS, her service and impact were formally recognized when she received the Excellence in Service Award for Hanover Township in 2013; and

WHEREAS, she has also served as a member of the Streamwood Kiwanis Club since 2010; and

WHEREAS, Lori played a key role in the growth of the Hanover Township Food Pantry, ensuring that individuals and families facing food insecurity received respectful and consistent support; and

WHEREAS, she also was instrumental in developing the auxiliary staff program within Human Services, mentoring and supporting volunteers and interns who have gone on to serve the community in various professional capacities; and

WHEREAS, Lori's empathy and drive to improve the lives of others has left an enduring legacy that will benefit Hanover Township for years to come; and

WHEREAS, after 21 years of dedicated service, Lori will retire on August 29, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Lori Orozco on her many years of service to Hanover Township, and wish her well on her retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to Lori Orozco as she enjoys every day of her retirement.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3465
RESOLUTION**

THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES MARY JO IMPERATO
RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Mary Jo Imperato has been a resident of Bartlett since 1987; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jo began serving the Hanover Township community in 2003 when she was hired as Deputy Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jo then went on to serve as Chief Deputy Clerk in 2008; and

WHEREAS, she then took over the role of Director of Human Services in 2009; and

WHEREAS, known for her leadership and deep commitment to service, Mary Jo has been recognized with numerous awards and acknowledgements from community partners throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, these awards include the Community Crisis Center's 2012 Heart of Center Award, the Village of Hanover Park's 2015 Service to Youth Award, the Brookdale Hoffman Estates Senior Services' 2015 Local Hero Award, Hanover Township's 2017 Excellence in Service Award, and Cook County's 2019 Unsung Heroine Award; and

WHEREAS, she has also served as a member of the Regional Transportation Authority, Citizens Advisory Council from 2015 to 2017, and as a member of the Streamwood Kiwanis Club since 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jo has showcased her leadership skills through her role with the Illinois Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers since 2012 and served as the Association's president for several years; and

WHEREAS, she additionally served as Treasurer for the Illinois Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers from 2022 to 2025; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jo has consistently strived to understand and meet the needs of her community, specifically residents requiring assistance accessing benefits assistance programs and experiencing food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, as an Accredited Veterans Service Officer, she has worked with Township Veterans and their families to successfully file numerous disability claims; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Mary Jo has secured numerous grant dollars to support the Hanover Township Food Pantry and continues to identify ways to consistently improve services; and

WHEREAS, she has been a dependable and critical partner with Cook County through her work on events such as the township's annual Job Fair, Veterans Fair, and Backpack Distribution; and

WHEREAS, Mary Jo's work, dedication, and care to Hanover Township and its residents has made a lasting impact on the lives of residents and the community; and

WHEREAS, after nearly 22 years of dedicated service, Mary Jo will retire on August 29, 2025, allowing her to spend time with her beloved husband, Carl, and their two children, Alex and Johnny.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Mary Jo Imperato on her many years of service to Hanover Township, and wish her well on her retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to Elk Grove Village Mayor Craig Johnson and Mary Jo Imperato as she enjoys every day of her retirement.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3475
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

IN MEMORIAM OF BRENDAN SIDDALL

WHEREAS, Brendan David Siddall was born on February 12, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Brendan showed remarkable talent and incredible intelligence from a very young age, and began his career in theater in the summer before his 9th grade year playing the titular role in a production of Peter Pan; and

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WHEREAS, Brendan continued through high school playing in community theater as well as the school's drama club, singing in the school choir, playing the sax in the marching band, and was a Drum Major during his junior and senior year; and

WHEREAS, Brendan also ran on his track and cross-country teams whilst maintaining an excellent academic record, taking multiple Advance Placement courses successfully and was chosen as a finalist for the National Merit scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Brendan was later accepted at DePaul University with academic scholarships, and fell in love with Chicago immediately; and

WHEREAS, he was quickly promoted to RA of his dorm and took care of his students with grace and kindness; and

WHEREAS, when he was still just a student, he joined with the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus at 18 years old and began to find his people; and

WHEREAS, Brendan was eventually elected president of the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus membership council, and his leadership skills were apparent; and

WHEREAS, Brendan spent the next 7 years in and out of school, working various jobs, until he started his job at Misericordia, an adult living facility for special needs people; and

WHEREAS, Brendan was always strongly passionate about this job, providing care to people that needed him; and

WHEREAS, Brendan was known to all as a welcoming, inclusive, encouraging, and uplifting person who gave his time and attention to all; and

WHEREAS, Brendan was an incredibly caring son and family member to his loving family including his parents David and Jacqui Siddall, his brother, Chase (Rachel) Siddall, his grandfather, Al J. Makarewicz, his maternal uncle and aunt Alex (Melissa) and Jill Makarewicz, and his paternal aunt and uncles Karen, Philip, and Peter Siddall; and

WHEREAS, his family is so immensely proud of Brendan and the incredibly empathetic, kind, and passionate man he became; and

WHEREAS, Brendan was part of the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus ensemble that performed this year for Cook County during its Pride Month Celebrations on June 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, his voice and talent, in addition to the other amazing singers who performed that day, touched the audience and exemplified Brendan's care for community as he lifted his voice in celebration of the LGBTQ+ community he loved so much; and

WHEREAS, he was tragically struck in a hit-and-run crash, and passed away on June 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Brendan was a radiant soul whose spirit touched the lives of all who were fortunate enough to know him.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathies to the family and many friends of Brendan Siddall 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 suitable copies be tendered to the family of Brendan Siddall so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nay: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3464
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

RECOGNIZING THE DES PLAINES THEATRE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, opening its doors on August 9, 1925, the Des Plaines Theatre was founded by local entrepreneur Barney Winkelmann and leased and operated by the Polka Brothers circuit from Maywood; and

WHEREAS, together, they built the theatre to be one of the first large entertainment venues to be built in the Northwest suburbs as they transitioned from farm towns into commuter villages; and

WHEREAS, designed by architects Betts & Holcomb, they developed an unusual Spanish Baroque style for the theatre with the aim of creating a large theater that was both beautiful and cost-effective, in contrast to the more heavily ornamented downtown Chicago's movie palaces; and

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WHEREAS, the first patrons on Aug. 9, 1925 saw the film, "Are Parents People," but they also saw interior decoration designed by noted Park Ridge artist Edgar Miller, including a dazzling white, gold, and blue terra cotta-lined lobby with a decorative tile floor, an auditorium lit by hidden multicolored lighting, gold-painted plaster ornament, and six large dangling lanterns; and

WHEREAS, the main attraction was always movies, with silent films accompanied by a substantial Geneva pipe organ, but in the early days a vaudeville stage entertainment show came first, with Sunday shows often featuring entertainment borrowed from downtown Chicago; and

WHEREAS, among the many early acts that played were Gene Autry, animal circuses, high school plays, political meetings, and community choirs; and

WHEREAS, the theatre was successful enough that the Polka Brothers were inspired to build the larger and more elaborate 'Pickwick' flagship theatre in Park Ridge a few years later; and

WHEREAS, the talking pictures came to Des Plaines in April 1929, but the Great Depression soon followed and The Polka Brothers ran into financial problems; and

WHEREAS, by 1934, the organ and sound equipment were auctioned to pay for their foreclosed mortgage and eventually H&E Balaban took over in 1935; and

WHEREAS, they quickly moved to refresh the theater with architects Pereira & Pereira in the popular art deco style, remodeling inside and adding the familiar marquee trimmed in neon, flashing lights, and a backlit attraction board; and

WHEREAS, soon the padded wooden seats were replaced with cushioned reclining chairs perfect for new permanent curved Cinemascope screen installed in 1954; and

WHEREAS, by the mid-1960s, the theater found new popularity as a half-price alternative to the new theaters built at Golf Mill, Mount Prospect Plaza, Randhurst, and the Oasis Drive-In; and

WHEREAS, on Mar. 7, 1982, the theater was almost lost to a three-alarm fire that spread from the basement of the shops to the second floor, then down to the larger store; and

WHEREAS, the major firefighting efforts were slowed by non-functioning fire hydrants due to recent water main work, and hoses had to be run across the street and railroad tracks; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the nearly 50 firefighters at work and the theatre's thick walls, the theater was spared major damage, but repairs to the surrounding building kept it closed for almost a year with attendance never fully returning; and

WHEREAS, the theater then passed through a series of owners, and the auditorium was then "twinned" in 1987 with a wall down the center aisle and across the stage, creating two smaller cinemas that hid all remaining ornaments with flat black paint and a dropped ceiling; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 new owners attempted to upgrade the theater with new seats, carpet, and a remodeled lobby, but the changes were not enough to regain its former popularity; and

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WHEREAS, in 2000, the theater was sold to a group of businessmen from India who ran both American and Indian films that similarly struggled for attendance; and

WHEREAS, In December 2002, the building was sold, with the intent of creating a new bank branch, but The Des Plaines Theater Preservation Society was formed with the goal of saving the building and creating an arts center; and

WHEREAS, through their efforts, the building was named eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and the bank withdrew its plans; and

WHEREAS, the building was then sold to Bhagwakar, who returned to showing American and Indian films and organizing a then-unknown band, Fall Out Boy, to play there as well; and

WHEREAS, Bhagwakar began work to rehabilitate the theater, removing the dividing walls, repainting the interior to resemble the original appearance, and restoring the stage to working order to reopen the theatre in November 2011 as a rental venue; and

WHEREAS, though many improvements were made, it was not enough to bring the building fully up to modern standards, and the theater closed again in January 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Onesti Entertainment acquired the theatre and began working with the City of Des Plaines to renovate the venue to its former glory; and

WHEREAS, the Des Plaines Theatre reopened in 2021 and has since been host to countless stars, from Kevin Costner to the band FOREIGNER, with the location currently hosting three restaurants including Bourbon 'N Brass Speakeasy, Big Al's Saloon, and Des Pizza; and

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2025, the Des Plaines Theatre will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary with the thousands who have enjoyed the resurgence of this valued gem; and

WHEREAS, as part of the celebration, the theatre will host its Anniversary Parade happening on August 9 at 5pm at the theatre with Priscilla Presley and Micky Dolenz of The Monkees serving as Honorary Parade Marshals; and

WHEREAS, the theatre remains a historical landmark of the city of Des Plaines and continues to stand as a reminder of the city's founding and storied history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its congratulations to the Des Plaines Theatre in honor of their 100th Anniversary on August 9, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to the Des Plaines Theatre.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3444
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE MICHAEL SCOTT JR, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

RECOGNIZING HAYMARKET CENTER'S 50 YEARS OF LIVE-SAVING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER CARE

WHEREAS, Haymarket Center is Chicago's largest and most comprehensive provider of treatment for substance use and mental health disorders in Chicago and serves about 12,000 individuals each year; and

WHEREAS, Haymarket Center marks its 50th anniversary this year, having been founded in 1975 by Monsignor Ignatius McDermott, who was well-known as "Father Mac,"; and

WHEREAS, Haymarket Center has grown in scope and impact over the last 50 years, including receiving designation as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Look-Alike, resulting in comprehensive, culturally competent, high-quality primary health care services; and

WHEREAS, Haymarket Center continues to evolve to meet the needs of its patients, including two new work programs with its West Loop Pharmacy and Mac's Deli, Chicago's first restaurant staffed by people in recovery, equipping patients with critical work skills needed to re-enter society; and

WHEREAS, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), estimated 1.86 million Illinois residents aged 12+ had a substance use disorder in 2023, including 1 million with a drug use disorder and 1.2 million with an alcohol use disorder; and

WHEREAS, according to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office, Cook County saw 1,026 confirmed opioid overdose deaths in 2024, 87% of which involved fentanyl. African Americans accounted for 53%, while 31% were white and just under 14% Latino. Twenty-seven percent of the deaths were aged 50-59; and

WHEREAS, Haymarket Center clients typically have the fewest resources and the greatest challenges, with 95% earning \$10,000 or less annually, 90% unemployed, 90% with criminal backgrounds, 74% with a history of homelessness; 68% with mental illness, 52% engaging in high risk sexual behaviors, 32% uninsured, and 30% without complete secondary education; and

WHEREAS, as a National Health Service Corps site, no one at Haymarket Center will be denied access to services due to inability to pay, with access to services available 24/7 with no need to wait for assessment; and

WHEREAS, according to an independent evaluation, Haymarket Center's whole-person approach results in an 87% reduction in alcohol and drug use, a 64% decrease in mental health symptoms, a 92% reduction in high-risk sexual behaviors, a 91% reduction in criminal activity, and a 74% increase in clients employed, earning the center the prestigious recognition for America's Best Addiction Treatment Centers in 2023 and 2024 from Newsweek and Statista; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body wishes to honor the work done by Haymarket Center to save the lives of Cook County residents for 50 years with its essential life-saving treatment for substance use and mental health disorders; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body congratulates Haymarket Center on this important milestone and encourages others to support the care provided by Haymarket Center through civic and philanthropic funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby take this opportunity to congratulate Haymarket Center on 50 years of life-saving service to our communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Haymarket Center in honor of this historic milestone and as a tribute to its legacy here in Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nay: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

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The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TARA S. STAMPS, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
JESSICA VÁSQUEZ AND JOHN P. DALEY, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AUGUST AS FOOTWORK APPRECIATION MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Chicago Footwork is a distinctive and powerful cultural art form that emerged in the late 1980s on the West and South Sides of Cook County, in the lineage of House music and shaped by the innovation, talent, and resilience of Black youth and community creatives; and

WHEREAS, characterized by rapid, intricate foot movements, Chicago Footwork is more than a dance - it is a form of storytelling, expression, and identity that promotes improvisation, discipline, and creative freedom; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Footwork has become a global movement, with the style spreading to Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia, Central America, South America, and North America, with global scenes now emerging that honor and adapt Chicago's original style while remaining deeply connected to its community roots through local artists, dance crews, DJs, music producers, and educators who continue to teach, perform, and mentor the next generation; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Footwork has served as a powerful tool for youth engagement, cultural preservation, and violence prevention - offering young people in Cook County an outlet for self-expression, community building, and civic pride; and

WHEREAS, community organizations and artists have used Footwork to host public performances, educational workshops, and neighborhood events that uplift and connect residents of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the initiative to recognize and celebrate Chicago Footwork through the creation of Footwork Appreciation Month is led by **Creative Network**, **ChicagoFootworkDotCom**, and **Kumba Lynx**, who have worked to amplify the voices of local dancers, preserve the cultural legacy, and ensure continued investment in this powerful art form; and

WHEREAS, we further recognize and honor the individuals and cultural contributions that have preserved and propelled the movement, including:

- **Shadawn Battle**, for her documentary *Footwork Saved My Life*, which captures the transformative power of Footwork in the lives of young people;
- **Issac Harris** and **Crossfire**, for their leadership, talent, and mentorship in pushing the boundaries of Footwork as an art form;

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- **DJ Client**, a pioneer of the Footwork sound, whose music continues to influence generations of dancers and producers;
- **The Era Footwork Crew**, for their global ambassadorship, education, and cultural preservation efforts that have brought Footwork into the national and international spotlight;

WHEREAS, recognizing Chicago Footwork affirms the value of homegrown art, celebrates the contributions of Black creators, and encourages continued investment in youth, culture, and community leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby declares the month of August as Footwork Appreciation Month in Cook County, in partnership with Creative Network, ChicagoFootworkDotCom, and Kumba Lynx, and encourages residents, cultural institutions, schools, and community organizations to celebrate, honor, and support this important cultural tradition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County will continue to explore ways to support Chicago Footwork-centered programming, performances, and educational initiatives that reflect the values of creativity, equity, and community empowerment.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yea: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer and S. Morrison (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Vásquez, that the meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on September 18, 2025, in accordance with County Board Resolution 24-5720.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.

Monica Gordon

COUNTY CLERK