



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Virtual Meeting

Consent Agenda

Thursday, December 17, 2020, 10:00 AM

Second Set

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Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LADIES OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. 108th FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION AND FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION, AND COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded on January 13, 1913 by 22 collegiate women at Howard University to promote academic excellence and aid those in need; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. three basic principles are Sisterhood, Scholarship, and Service, and

WHEREAS, these examples have withstood the test of time and are exemplified through the Five-Point Programmatic Thrust which are: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement (Social Action); and

WHEREAS, In March of 1913, the Founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. performed their first public act of service by participating in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was incorporated in 1930 and is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. Since its founding more than 300,000 women have joined the organization. The organization is a sisterhood of predominantly Black, college educated women. The sorority currently has 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, Canada (Toronto), Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, Saudi Arabia (Dubai), and the Republic of Korea. Its members count among them doctors, lawyers, teachers, preachers, technicians, and government officials; and

WHEREAS, some notable Deltas are: Hon. Shirley Chisholm, Ruby Dee Davis, Dr. Dorothy I. Height, Hon. Barbara Jordan, Hon. Carrie P. Meek, Hon. Barbara Watson and Cook County's Hon. Dorothy Brown, Hon. Carol Moseley Braun, Hon. Kim Foxx, Hon. Kim Lightford, Hon. Camille Lilly, Hon. Nyota Figgs, Hon. Kari K. Steele, Dr. Ngozi Ezike; and

WHEREAS, there are (eight) Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in Cook County: Chicago Alumnae, Chicago Metropolitan Alumnae, Evanston-North Shore Alumnae, Glen Ellyn Area Alumnae, Joliet Area/South Suburban Alumnae, Lambda, Theta Alpha, Upsilon Upsilon; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Alumnae Chapter was established in 1959 with its current headquarters on the

Southside of Chicago in the historic Bronzeville community and under the leadership of President Cathy Walker Murray, Shaunessye Curry, First Vice President and Chair of Membership Services, and Barbara Keaton Stubblefield, Second Vice President and Chair of Program Planning and Development. The Chicago Alumnae Chapter currently has over 500 members; and

WHEREAS, Chapters in Cook County conduct Deputy Registrar training, serve as Deputy Registrars, promote census outreach efforts, host fraud awareness workshops for Seniors, host the Bernadette Whitt Mental Health Symposium, educate the community of mental health issues, conduct an annual book bag and school supply drive serving hundreds of children in Cook County, provide academic scholarships for college bound students and participate in a host of other programs serving the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the President, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the 5.4 million residents of Cook County take great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for their leadership, dedication and commitment and hereby proclaimed January 13, 2021 as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Day in Cook County and herewith our sincere gratitude for your service to the community and residents of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body with an official copy of the same be tendered to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in honor of this auspicious occasion

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

FRED RANDOZZO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2020, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Fred Randozzo from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Ferdinando “Fred” Randozzo was born in 1922 and was the eldest of four sons of Giuseppe and Rose (DiPrima) Randazzo, both of whom emigrated to Chicago from Sicily; and

WHEREAS, Fred Randozzo grew up on Cambridge Avenue in the Little Sicily enclave on Chicago’s Near North Side; and

WHEREAS, Fred Randozzo attended Nettlehorst Grade School and Lane Tech High School on Chicago’s North Side; and

WHEREAS, Fred Randozzo was employed by Wilson’s Sporting Goods when World War II broke out. Enlisting in the navy, he was assigned to the U.S. Navy Disciplinary Barracks in San Pedro, California, where he oversaw the daily work detail of more than 1,000 court-martialed sailors, marines, and coast

guardsmen; and

WHEREAS, after serving in the navy, Fred Randozzo returned to Chicago, where he attended radio and TV school and began a lifelong career selling radio time; and

WHEREAS, Fred Randozzo was involved in the early years of Festa Italiana on Chicago's lakefront, served as the executive director of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, and more recently served on the Human Relations Committee; and

WHEREAS, a longtime member of Filippo Mazzei Post #1 of the Italian American War Veterans, Fred Randozzo was the driving force behind the Veterans Day Mass at the Shrine Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, which recently celebrated its 30th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Fred Randozzo will be missed by all who knew him for his tireless spirit and passionate advocacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Fred Randozzo; 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 Fred Randozzo so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

JOANNE E. TRAPANI, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Joanne E. Trapani from our midst on November 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Trapani was the loving wife of Mary Becker; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Trapani, born in Corona, Queens, New York on August 5, 1949, was the beloved daughter of the late Joseph Trapani and Mary Horvath Trapani; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Trapani was the dear sister of Dolores Delape; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Trapani was the adored aunt and great-aunt of many; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Trapani received her bachelor's and two master's degrees from New York

University and spent a number of years working on Wall Street at various financial institutions; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Trapani began her LGBT activism shortly before the Stonewall Riots in 1969. She was a member of New York City's Gay Activist Alliance, Mattachine Society board of director's member, Lesbian Feminist Liberation founding member, and Manhattan Women's Political Caucus member; and

WHEREAS, after a decade of New York City political activism, Joanne Trapani relocated to Illinois and co-chaired the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force for several terms, served as liaison to state and local governments and agencies, and was involved in HIV/AIDS advocacy; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Joanne Trapani won a seat on the Oak Park village board, becoming the first out lesbian elected to office in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Joanne Trapani was elected Oak Park village president and served a four-year term; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Trapani worked for the Cook County Commission on Human Rights at the outset of that office's creation in 1993 until she retired in 2011, and served as liaison to and an advocate for the lesbian and gay communities of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Trapani organized testimony for and lobbied in behalf of the Illinois Human Rights Amendment to include lesbians and gays as a protected class; she also worked for passage of the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance and the Oak Park Human Rights Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Trapani was a member of the Chicago Police Department Gay and Lesbian Advisory Council, the Cook County State's Attorney's Hate Crimes Prosecution Council, the Democratic Party Affirmative Action Commission, and the Cook County State's Attorney's Lesbian and Gay Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Trapani conducted lesbian and gay sensitivity training for the Chicago Police Department, the Oak Park Police Department, the Cook County Sheriff's Police and Court Services, the Cook County Forest Preserve Police Department, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, and various other suburban police departments; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Trapani's other organizational affiliations included Dignity-Chicago, the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Community Center, and the Oak Park Lesbian and Gay Association; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Trapani won *Gay Chicago Magazine's* Woman of the Year Award, Dignity-Chicago's John Michie Award, IMPACT's Alongi Award for Political Activism, and was inducted into Chicago's LGBT Hall of Fame in 1993; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Joanne Trapani was chosen to represent Cook County's 9th District on the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues, where she volunteered for many years; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Trapani was also chair of the Elmwood Park Board of Fire and Police Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her activism and accomplishments, Joanne Trapani will be remembered for her dynamic personality-her intelligence, passion, heart, and so much more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Joanne Trapani; 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 Joanne Trapani so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.