

Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
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Thursday, September 18, 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
BRIDGET GAINER
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JESSICA VÁZQUEZ

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

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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1. Father Fidel Alvarado, Midwest Augustinians
2. Debbie Shepard, Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance OCRA
3. Dr. Nita Lee, Foundation for Women's Cancer
4. Cherie Taylor, Chicago
5. Tiwon Sims, Chicago
6. George Blakemore, Chicago

**25-3735
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

PROCLAMATION FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH 2025

WHEREAS, the economic vitality and sustained growth of Cook County and our ability to remain competitive in a global economy depends fundamentally upon the availability and quality of a skilled workforce and a robust, inclusive talent pipeline; and

WHEREAS, rapid economic shifts and evolving labor markets place increasing demands on both individuals seeking meaningful employment and employers seeking skilled talent; and

WHEREAS, Cook County remains committed to expanding access to career pathways for all residents including those historically underrepresented in the labor market ensuring that every individual has the opportunity to realize their full potential, pursue their goals, and achieve economic security; and

WHEREAS, through coordinated efforts across with the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership, Cook County departments, municipalities, educational institutions, community-based organizations, and employers, Cook County works to support the workforce ecosystem designed to meet residents where they are and connects them to opportunities; and

WHEREAS, workforce development professionals throughout Cook County play a vital role by connecting residents with essential skills training, digital access, reentry supports, youth employment pathways, career navigation, and employment opportunities thereby strengthening neighborhoods and local economies; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership, which is charged to administer programs the public workforce system for the City of Chicago and Cook County, operates as a comprehensive network of American Job Centers, sector centers, and community partners that connect tens of thousands of residents annually to training, credentials, and employment while supporting employers with talent solutions; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has prioritized and invested in the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership to implement equity-driven workforce initiatives that expand access to quality careers, including countywide hiring and connection events, paid work-based learning for young adults, sector partnerships aligned to high-demand industries, and strengthened reentry services; and

WHEREAS, these combined efforts affirm Cook County's commitment to inclusive growth and shared prosperity, ensuring that every resident regardless of race, zip code, background, or circumstance can access the education, training, and support needed to succeed in a changing economy.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the month of September 2025 as Workforce Development Month in Cook County, Illinois to encourage residents, employers, educators, and civic partners to join us in celebrating by supporting initiatives that strengthen Cook County's talent pipeline and advance an equitable and thriving regional economy.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3632
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**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, George Sakellariou came to the United States from Greece in 1969, working in factories then as a busboy in the restaurant industry. He worked his way into the kitchen and eventually cooking. He didn't hesitate when he saw an opportunity to open his first restaurant providing a lifelong example to his family and community, and

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WHEREAS, George's Gyros originally began as Kattoyouias at 3409 South Halsted Street in 1975 by George Sakellariou and Jimmy Tsitsopolous who worked side by side until 1987 when George Sakellariou continued running the restaurant on his own until December 1999, and

WHEREAS, George Sakellariou purchased the Horizon Restaurant down the block at 3445 South Halsted, renovated the space and opened the current George's Gyros on January 18, 1999, and

WHEREAS, George's Gyros employed many neighborhood teenagers, usually their first jobs. George Sakellariou believed in teaching these teenagers the value of hard work, social skills, time management and lessons they continued to carry throughout their lives, and

WHEREAS, George Sakellariou passed away on September 9th, 2013, but his legacy continues with his daughter Elaine Sakellariou and her daughters Athena, Arianna and Isis, and

WHEREAS, Elaine Sakellariou, as owner of George's Gyros has cemented the establishment in the neighborhood with dedicated and loyal employees, and a fan base of residents from all over.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to Elaine Sakellariou, her daughters Athena, Arianna and Isis, and her loyal employees for 50 years of outstanding food and service to the community, and we offer our best wishes for continued success, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a ceremonial copy of same be presented to George's Gyros as a token of appreciation from a grateful community.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

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Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3669
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, BRIDGET DEGNEN,
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JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL BLASE CUPICH'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

WHEREAS, on Saturday, August 16, 2025, a special Mass was celebrated at Holy Name Cathedral, and

WHEREAS, among the many blessings for which the parishioners of Holy Name Cathedral offered thanks on that day is that God has blessed them and sent to them his grace through the good works and benevolence of His Eminence Cardinal Blase Cupich, and

WHEREAS, His Eminence Cardinal Blase Cupich has served the Catholic Church for 50 years since being ordained on August 16, 1975, and

WHEREAS, Cardinal Blase Cupich was appointed Archbishop of Chicago on September 20, 2014, by Pope Francis and installed as the ninth Archbishop of Chicago in November of 2014, and

WHEREAS, Cardinal Blase Cupich was elevated to the College of Cardinals on November 19, 2016, at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City by Pope Francis, and

WHEREAS, Cardinal Blase Cupich has been an advocate for the dignity of human life, protecting the most vulnerable, and advocating for social justice, and

WHEREAS, the celebration of this Golden Jubilee is with deep thanks for a life devoted to tireless service and a mission to proclaim the Gospel, and

WHEREAS, a celebration honoring Cardinal Blase Cupich will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at Hilton Chicago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to His Eminence Cardinal Blase Cupich for this special recognition, and extends its gratitude on behalf of the community for his outstanding service over the years, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Cardinal Blase Cupich, to commemorate this joyous occasion.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3648
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**ESTABLISHING SEPTEMBER AS SPOKEN WORD MONTH AND HONORING THE
ACHIEVEMENTS OF BLAQ ICE**

WHEREAS, Chicago's own Blaq Ice, born De'Andre Hawthorne, is an international, award-winning spoken word poet, cultural icon, and trailblazer whose illustrious career spans more than three decades, during which he has redefined the spoken word genre by fusing poetic expression with neo-soul, jazz, hip-hop, and rhythm and blues; and

WHEREAS, Blaq Ice's visionary artistry and dedication to elevating spoken word poetry have captivated audiences across the globe, and in 2025, he achieved an unprecedented milestone by becoming the first poet in history to win both the Chicago Music Awards and the 312 Music Awards in the same year, cementing his legacy as a transformative force in the arts; and

WHEREAS, Blaq Ice is the founder of the Chicago Poet Laureate initiative and the CEO and Founder of the National Spoken Word Awards and Festival, held annually in Chicago during the Labor Day weekend,

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which draws artists and audiences from across the nation and affirms Cook County as a national hub for spoken word excellence; and

WHEREAS, since 2015, Blaq Ice has been a tireless advocate for the national recognition of spoken word as a distinct and vital art form, championing the establishment of Spoken Word Month every September, and is widely regarded as the Father of Spoken Word Month in America; and

WHEREAS, through his work with People of Extraordinary Talent (P.O.E.T.), Blaq Ice has made significant contributions to community empowerment by mentoring youth in public schools, establishing transformative spoken word programs in correctional facilities, feeding the hungry, and coordinating clothing drives for individuals experiencing homelessness-demonstrating his steadfast commitment to social justice, youth empowerment, and artistic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Blaq Ice has emphasized that while April is recognized nationally as Poetry Month, it predominantly celebrates traditional literary poetry, often excluding the performance-driven, urban-rooted art of spoken word which amplifies the voices of Black, Brown, and underrepresented poets from inner-city communities; and

WHEREAS, initiatives such as *Louder Than a Bomb* and *P.O.E.T.* have utilized spoken word poetry to engage at-risk youth in schools, transforming lives through mentorship, creative expression, and community building, offering alternatives to violence and fostering healing through storytelling; and

WHEREAS, the formal designation of Spoken Word Month in September will offer Cook County a platform to honor and institutionalize the cultural, educational, and societal value of spoken word, while encouraging intergenerational participation, amplifying local talent, and inspiring civic pride.

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, does hereby designate the month of September as Spoken Word Month in the County of Cook; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board acknowledges and supports the annual National Spoken Word Awards and Festival, held in Chicago during the month of September, and recognizes its importance in showcasing Cook County as a national leader in the arts and cultural innovation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board encourages the development of spoken word mentorship programs in collaboration with local schools, community centers, and youth-serving organizations, with the goal of empowering youth, preventing violence, and providing a creative platform for self-expression and personal development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cook County shall launch a comprehensive public awareness campaign each September to promote the month's significance, highlight mentorship opportunities, and celebrate the artistic contributions of local spoken word artists, including the enduring legacy of Blaq Ice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners formally honors Blaq Ice for his historic achievements, unwavering advocacy, and profound contributions to culture, education, and community advancement through the spoken word; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to De’Andre “Blaq Ice” Hawthorne as an expression of Cook County’s deepest respect and appreciation for his role in shaping the cultural fabric of our communities and inspiring future generations through the power of poetry. Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd. District.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3658
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING THE ILLINOIS STATE BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON THE
OCCASION OF THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce (ILBCC) is a vibrant force dedicated to driving inclusivity and igniting economic growth across Illinois; and

WHEREAS, over the past two decades, ILBCC has shattered barriers, unlocked access, and fiercely championed Black-owned businesses, setting a standard that other organizations struggle to match; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber’s mission is to foster economic growth and reduce disparities by enhancing the competitive capacity of small businesses by partnering with government agencies and the private sector to create sustainable opportunities for African Americans, women, and minority-owned enterprises; and

WHEREAS, ILBCC is dedicated to championing over 100,000 Black-owned businesses across various sectors, driving their success and advancing economic equality; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber's vision is to cultivate a thriving ecosystem of sustainable, high-growth Black-owned businesses in Illinois that are empowered to compete effectively in local, state, federal, and commercial markets; and

WHEREAS, ILBCC envisions a transformative future where Black entrepreneurs spearhead innovation, propel economic growth, and forge generational wealth, paving the way for a more equitable and prosperous Illinois for everyone; and

WHEREAS, this milestone year underscores the Chamber's relentless dedication to championing advocacy, access, and advancement for Black businesses. By facilitating timely invoice payments, connecting entrepreneurs with influential decision-makers, and amplifying their voices, the ILBCC has transformed the paths of numerous entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the ILBCC will be convening their 20th Annual Business Conference, taking place September 9-11, 2025 at the Wind Creek Chicago Southland in East Hazel Crest, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to honor the good work of the Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce and thank them for their service to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners proudly honor the Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of their 20th anniversary and for their outstanding service to the community, Cook County, and our State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to the Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3656
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER AND JOSINA MORITA,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

COOK COUNTY GOLD STAR MOTHER’S AND FAMILY DAY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the last Sunday in September, was designated as “Gold Star Mother’s Day” by the United States Congress on June 23, 1936; and

WHEREAS, after the passage of this joint congressional resolution, President Barack Obama, in 2011 made the amendment to include Gold Star Family Members on this day; and

WHEREAS, a gold star symbolizes a family member who died in the line of duty while serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the members and veterans of the Armed Forces, through their service, bear the burden of protecting the freedom of the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the selfless example of the service of the members and veterans of the Armed Forces, as well as the sacrifices made by the families of those individuals, inspires individuals throughout the United States to sacrifice and work diligently for the good of the United States; and

WHEREAS, no words expressed can fill the void in the hearts of each of our nation’s Gold Star families, but we must never fail to recognize all that these families have given for our nation. We will honor our fundamental duty to remember the lives of our fallen warriors and uphold our sacred obligation to stand by their surviving families; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cook having the largest veteran population in this state with over 148,000 veterans acknowledges the imperative obligation to remember and honor our Gold Star families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize September 28, 2025 as Gold Star Mother’s and Family Day to honor and remember the sacrifices made by the families and members of the Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice to defend freedom and protect the United States.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3657
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER AND JOSINA MORITA, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COOK COUNTY NATIONAL POW/MIA DAY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in each of America's past wars, our Prisoners of War have represented a special sacrifice. An added burden of loneliness, trauma and hardship has fallen on them. Their burden becomes double where there is inhumane treatment by the enemy in violation of common human compassion, ethical standards and international obligation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed a resolution authorizing the first National POW/MIA Recognition Day be observed on July 18, 1979 and later moved the event to be observed on the third Friday in September; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, when the enemies of freedom were on the march and our country needed brave Americans to take up arms and stop their advance, the members of our Armed Forces answered the call of duty. These patriotic men and women defended our country in hours of need and continue to stand watch for freedom. Many of these courageous individuals risked capture, imprisonment and their lives to protect our homeland. On National POW/MIA Recognition Day, we honor the sacrifices and remarkable determination of those captured as prisoners of war. Our nation will not forget these heroes, and will not stop searching for our service members who are missing in action; and

WHEREAS, in the County of Cook, we are committed to remembering all veterans who served their country and those presently serving their nation in all corners of the globe and those still missing in action and prisoners of war and remind everyone of the personal sacrifices made by all war veterans to ensure that future generations of Americans will be able to enjoy our country's freedoms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize September 19, 2025 as National POW/MIA Day and ask that on this day of honor, that all residents join our nation in this day of remembrance to demonstrate the country's continued commitment to the POW/MIA issue and recognize the unwavering commitment to bring our heroes home.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3660
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, FRANK J. AGUILAR, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL,
JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING BLOOD CANCER AND SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH IN COOK
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the month of September is National Blood Cancer and Sickle Cell Awareness Month, a month-long initiative designated by Congress to help focus attention on the need for research and treatment of blood cancer and sickle cell diseases; and

WHEREAS, Sickle cell disease (SCD) is the most common inherited blood disorder in the United States in which red blood cells may become sickle-shaped and harden. For a baby to be born with sickle cell disease, both parents must carry a sickle cell trait or genes. Sickle cell disease is not contagious, and there is no universal cure; and

WHEREAS, about 1 in 13 African Americans carry the sickle cell trait, and many do not know they have it, and an estimated 100,000 people in the U.S. have SCD, with approximately 2,000 babies born with SCD annually in the United States; and

WHEREAS, people of many ethnic backgrounds can have SCD, but it disproportionately affects Black and Brown Americans, with more than 90% non-Hispanic Black or African American, and an estimated 3%-9% are Hispanic or Latino. suffering from SCD; and

WHEREAS, Sickle Cell disease leads to complications including chronic severe and unpredictable pain, anemia, frequent infections, swelling in extremities, fatigue, delayed growth and is one of the underlying medical conditions that causes increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19, defined as hospitalization, admission to the ICU, intubation or mechanical ventilation, or death; and

WHEREAS, this national focus is essential and reinforces the National Institutes of Health (NIH) continued support of SCD research, education, and capacity building, including the “Cure Sickle Cell Initiative” to accelerate safe, effective, and scalable gene therapies to cure the disease; and

WHEREAS, because of the many advances and medical breakthroughs in genetic therapies and research, we are now closer to finding a cure for all SCD patients in fact a new genetic treatment that was shown in clinical trials to cure 88% of people of the hallmark symptoms of sickle cell disease, has started to be used outside the clinical trial setting; and

WHEREAS, the FDA approved new gene therapies in December of 2023. Previously, the only options for people with sickle cell were treatments to manage symptoms or donor stem cell transplants that carry serious risks; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2025, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has selected 35 participants for its new, voluntary Cell and Gene Therapy Access Model including the State of Illinois, whereby the federal government has negotiated “outcomes-based agreements” with cell and gene therapy manufacturers for state Medicaid agencies to deliver cutting-edge treatments for people on Medicaid living with sickle cell disease; and

WHEREAS, a recent international trial introduced another curative option for sickle cell disease; The therapy, haploidentical bone marrow transplant with thiotepa and posttransplant cyclophosphamide, is as safe and more affordable than the FDA-approved myeloablative gene therapy and gene editing treatments; and

WHEREAS, results from the 10-year trial, published June 20th, 2024, in the American Society of Hematology journal Blood, show a two-year overall survival rate of 94.1% with no difference between children and adults; and

WHEREAS, individuals can still help be part of the solution by donating blood, which is still one of the most valuable treatments for sickle cell patients, but less than 10% of Americans donate blood. Additionally, sickle cell patients benefit most from blood transfusions from people of the same race or similar ethnicity, but only 5% of blood donors are of African ancestry; and

WHEREAS, education and research, educating others about sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait, and getting tested for sickle cell trait if you are of African descent and do not know your status are other ways to contribute to this important cause; and

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WHEREAS, blood cancers include leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma and Hodgkin's disease are one of the world's most prevalent and dangerous cancers, and every 3 minutes, someone in the U.S. is diagnosed with a blood cancer; more than 1.3 million Americans are living with or in remission from a blood cancer; and

WHEREAS, blood cancers are the 3rd leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S., but many people don't know the impact of the blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma, and despite progress, more than 1/3 of blood cancer patients still do not survive five years after diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, giving blood is also important for blood cancer patients, although blood transfusions do not treat the blood cancer itself, they do provide healthy blood cells if your body isn't producing its own, which can help relieve symptoms and side effects; and

WHEREAS, additionally for patients diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma and other life-threatening diseases, a bone marrow or cord blood transplant may be their best or only hope for a cure. However, 70% of patients who need a transplant do not have a fully matched donor in their family, which is why it's important to encourage people to sign up to be a potential donor; and

WHEREAS, the disparities faced by blood cancer patients are very similar to the disparities faced in general in the United States with minority groups disproportionately impacted across different blood cancer diseases, including having a higher incident rate. For example, Black Americans have at least double the incidence of myeloma compared to any other race or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, among people under the age of 20, Hispanics have the highest rate of leukemias of all ethnicities and in children, by more than 20%; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body wishes to promote and raise awareness of Blood Cancer and Sickle Cell Diseases in Cook County and encourage everyone to be a part of this national effort to increase awareness about blood cancer and sickle cell diseases during the month of September and stand united to improve the health of those living with them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that 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 Blood Cancer and Sickle Cell Awareness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conjunction with National Blood Cancer and Sickle Cell Awareness Month, that the month of September 2025 be hereby declared Blood Cancer and Sickle Cell 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.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3530
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING ESTELLE J. LONG FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE, COURAGE,
AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Cook County is proud to recognize individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary resilience, dedication, and service to their communities, and who serve as shining examples of civic responsibility, perseverance, and generational impact; and

WHEREAS, Estelle J. Long, a centenarian, born on August 13, 1920, in Evanston, Illinois, emerged from a family rooted in discipline, education, patriotism, and artistry-values that would shape her into a courageous trailblazer in every chapter of her life; and

WHEREAS, as a young student, Mrs. Long stood with integrity and grace in the face of systemic injustice, using her talents and voice to advocate for dignity and equal treatment for her peers, making her an early champion for civil rights and equity; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, she contributed to the national defense effort by applying her skills in vital war industries, exemplifying the legacy of “Rosie the Riveter,” and breaking barriers in roles traditionally closed to African American women; and

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WHEREAS, alongside her beloved husband, a decorated Army Drill Sergeant, Estelle Long built a nurturing home in Chicago's Chatham neighborhood, where she and her husband raised five accomplished children, several of whom would go on to serve their nation and city in both military and public service capacities; and

WHEREAS, over the course of a distinguished 40-year career in city government, Estelle Long rose above the challenges of racial discrimination and institutional barriers to become a highly respected accountant in the Comptroller's Office all while pursuing and achieving both her bachelor's and master's degrees in public administration from Roosevelt University; and

WHEREAS, even after retirement, Estelle Long remains a beacon of leadership, faith, and compassion-actively serving her church, mentoring youth, supporting community safety efforts, and advocating for the well-being of seniors and underserved residents in the Black community; and

WHEREAS, her legacy extends through the generations with a family that includes children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who continue to build on the foundation she laid through love, discipline, and service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and honor Estelle J. Long for her outstanding contributions to the City of Chicago, the African American community, and the greater Cook County region, and we extend our sincere gratitude for her lifelong commitment to equity, justice, and community empowerment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Estelle J. Long as a symbol of our deepest respect and admiration.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

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

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BARBARA JEAN DAVIS

WHEREAS, Barbara Jean Davis, who was born on March 24, 1963, in Chicago, Illinois, to the union of the late Laverne Jacob Davis and Eugene Ulysses Davis; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Jean Davis was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Kevin Shawn Davis and Paul Jacob Davis, and her beloved soulmate of 25 years, Melvin Lee Graham, with whom she shared four children; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Jean Davis was a loving sister to her brothers Eugene (Charisse), Carl, Harrison (Rashonda), Kevin (preceded in death), and Paul (preceded in death), and shared a lifelong bond with her God-sisters Valzetta Qualls and Tracey Washington; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Jean Davis was the only daughter among six siblings, a devoted mother of five children-Erika Fletcher, Chantanae Graham, Laverne Graham, Dominique Graham, and Antwon Graham-and a proud grandmother of eight beautiful grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, at an early age, Barbara Jean Davis accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at Salem Lutheran Church, where she began her spiritual journey; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Jean Davis received her education in the Chicago Public School system, attending Guggenheim Elementary School and graduating from Calumet High School; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Jean Davis, life was enriched by her many friendships, her love for music, dancing, laughter, and her presence at Washington Park with cherished companions. She had a heart to give, a spirit of joy, and always sought to make others happy; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Jean Davis, journey on earth was faithfully supported by her daughter Dominique Graham, who lovingly stood by her side from beginning to end, and by her brother Eugene Davis, who shared in her final days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Barbara Jean Davis; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Proclamation be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Barbara Jean Davis.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3792
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2025 AS NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH IN COOK
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners believes in the joyful, transformative power of the human-canine bond and the importance of inclusivity for all residents; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, approximately 70 million adults live with a disability, yet there are only about 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs nationwide, highlighting a growing need for support; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Canine Companions pioneered the concept of service dogs for individuals with physical disabilities, creating a new form of essential support and independence; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions, a nonprofit organization, enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing expertly trained service dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships, all free of charge; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions and their service dogs empower individuals with disabilities to live with greater independence through best-in-class training, follow-up services, and a deeply committed community of support; and

WHEREAS, National Service Dog Month is an opportunity to educate our community about the benefits of service dogs and the laws that protect their handlers; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board continue to work towards becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens, and their trained service dogs, are embraced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby celebrate, and support the life-changing work of service dogs and their handlers in Cook County and throughout the country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby proclaims September as, “National Service Dog Month” in Cook County, Illinois.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3531
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL,
DONNA MILLER, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,**

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LANGSTON BRITTON

WHEREAS, Langston Britton was born on April 27, 2011, and during his 14 years on earth brought joy, light, and love to all who knew him, before his heavenly transition on July 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Langston's family was the foundation of his joy and values. He was the beloved son of Sherrard and Martha Britton, cherished brother of Quincy Britton, adored grandson, nephew, godson, godbrother, cousin, and friend to a wide circle of loved ones, and a tender companion to the family's treasured pets, Samantha, Jedi (in spirit), and Bailey (in spirit); and

WHEREAS, Langston was a proud student of the Valley View School District, having attended Kenneth L. Hermansen Elementary School and A. Vito Martinez Middle School in Romeoville, Illinois, and was preparing to enter Romeoville High School in the 2025-2026 academic year, where he had already earned placement in honors courses due to his strong academic promise; and

WHEREAS, Langston was a young man of deep faith and leadership, active in the student ministry at Community Christian Church in Plainfield, where he was not only a participant but a leader-reading and interpreting scripture, answering questions, and encouraging others in their walk with Christ; and

WHEREAS, Langston exemplified kindness, strength, and integrity in his daily life. Whether it was defending classmates from bullying or offering friendship to those in need, he consistently led by example, uplifting those around him with his compassion, humility, and generous heart; and

WHEREAS, Langston was a gifted athlete with a passion for basketball, football, wrestling, and Tae Kwon Do. His competitive spirit was matched by his sportsmanship, which helped forge deep friendships and build communication and teamwork among his peers; and

WHEREAS, those closest to Langston remember him not only for his intelligence and athleticism, but for his humility, laughter, empathy, and radiant soul. He was a protector to the vulnerable, a beacon for his peers, and a joy to his teachers and family; and

WHEREAS, many have shared how Langston's courage, faith, and friendship changed their lives-standing up for the bullied, inspiring others to lead, and reminding all who knew him that even a short life can leave an extraordinary legacy; and

WHEREAS, in the words of his uncle Alex, "Langston was the total opposite of what the media often portrays. He was amazing, and his legacy will supersede the 14 years he gave Earth-everybody's going to know his name." And in the words of his Aunt Samara, "Some souls shine so brightly that their light lingers long after they're gone-it becomes the compass we never knew we needed."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby honor and celebrate the life of Langston Britton-a young man who embodied love, leadership, and light. Though his time on Earth was far too brief, his impact is everlasting. May his memory forever be a blessing and a beacon for all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Langston Britton as a symbol of our shared mourning, our unshakable gratitude, and our enduring commitment to remember Langston's life and carry forward his spirit.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3804
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE MICHAEL SCOTT JR, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING DION'S CHICAGO DREAM FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN HEALTH EQUITY, LOGISTICS-DRIVEN FOOD ACCESS, AND JOB CREATION IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, September is recognized as Social Food Justice Month, a time to elevate and honor the work of organizations and leaders advancing equitable access to nutritious food, dismantling systemic barriers, and affirming dignity in food systems; and

WHEREAS, WHEREAS, Dion's Chicago Dream ("DCD"), founded by Englewood native and U.S. Navy veteran Dion Dawson in 2020, is a nonprofit social enterprise that combats food insecurity through a logistics-first model delivering fresh produce directly to households across Chicagoland, centering quality, dignity, and consistency in service; and DCD's flagship Dream Deliveries program provides five days' worth of fresh fruits and vegetables straight to residents' doorsteps, immediately improving household food security; and

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WHEREAS, DCD's innovative "last-mile" approach has been profiled and recognized regionally and nationally for reimagining the traditional, queue-based food distribution model, replacing lines and limited hours with direct-to-door delivery and dignified access, and integrating with health and Food-Is-Medicine partners to support prevention and better outcomes; and

WHEREAS, DCD has scaled from an early community fridge to a county-wide engine for health equity, with program components including Dream Deliveries (direct home delivery) and the Dream Vault-an Amazon-style locker that allows recipients to retrieve a full produce box using a unique code, extending access and reach of last-mile logistics; and

WHEREAS, The Dream Vault earned one of the region's highest honors for innovation-the 2023 Chicago Innovation Award-and has been highlighted by civic and community institutions for modernizing food access infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The organization's measurable impact includes millions of pounds of fresh produce delivered across the Chicago region since 2020 (with more than 5.1 million pounds publicly documented by mid-2025) and sustained service coverage across more than half of Cook County ZIP codes (180+), evidence of county-scale logistics capacity that meets households where they are; and

WHEREAS, DCD's model creates local jobs alongside nutrition access-living-wage roles for drivers, packers, dispatch, and operations-and has been held up by workforce and impact investors as an example of social enterprise delivering both economic mobility and health equity in historically under-resourced neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, In national recognition of its nutrition-forward, activity-supportive community impact, Dion's Chicago Dream was selected as a 2024 President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition Community Leadership Awardee, joining a select group of U.S. organizations honored for advancing community well-being through fitness and nutrition programming; and

WHEREAS, Chief Dreamer Dion Dawson has been recognized as a TED Fellow, Echoing Green Fellow, Aspen Food Leaders Fellow, and by the Rockefeller Foundation, reflecting national and global acknowledgment of Chicago-born innovation that blends logistics, data, and resident-informed design to transform food access; and he has been tapped by leading institutions for thought leadership and systems change; and

WHEREAS, DCD's mission and methods align with Cook County's priorities around health equity, preventative care, and economic opportunity, demonstrating how modern logistics, direct-to-consumer delivery, and smart access points can reduce barriers to healthy food, support chronic disease prevention, and put dignity and agency back into the hands of residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby commends Dion's Chicago Dream for its pioneering leadership in last-mile, direct-to-door produce delivery, its innovation in access infrastructure (including the Dream Vault), its job creation and local wealth-building, and its demonstrable contribution to health equity across Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, during Social Food Justice Month, the Board recognizes DCD's multi-million-pound distribution since 2020, its sustained service to over half of Cook County ZIP codes, and its role as a trailblazer in the Food-Is-Medicine movement-setting a standard for consistency,

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accountability, and dignity in public-interest logistics; and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Dion Dawson, Founder & Chief Dreamer, and the Dream Team of Dion's Chicago Dream in recognition of their continued service to Cook County residents.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3867
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

HONORING FAMILY FOCUS ON ITS 175th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Family Focus's history of promoting children's well-being by supporting families dates back to 1849; and

WHEREAS, Family Focus's rich history is the result of a 2021 merger between Chicago Child Care Society (founded in 1849) and Family Focus (founded in 1976). This merger is the most significant accomplishment of the new Family Focus over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, this merger united CCCS and Family Focus' strengths, creating one organization dedicated to early childhood education, youth development, and family support services in under-resourced communities across Northeast Illinois; and

WHEREAS, founded more than 175 years ago, Chicago Child Care Society (CCCS) was the longest standing social service agency in Illinois. CCCS first opened its doors as the Chicago Orphan Asylum in 1849, when children were left homeless after their parents lost their lives to a cholera epidemic. Since then, CCCS has served Chicago's children throughout our country's historic events that shaped family needs - the Civil War, the Great Chicago Fire, WWI and WWII, the Korean and Vietnam Wars and the more recent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq; and

WHEREAS, in the mid-to-late 20th century, CCCS became well known for its adoption and foster care work and was a highly regarded authority and partner in establishing policies and regulations in the field. In 1974, CCCS celebrated its 125th anniversary by changing its name from Chicago Orphan Asylum to Chicago Child Care Society, better encompassing its responsive and community-centered programming designed to support the needs of the children and families; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, from her studies at the University of Chicago, University of Illinois, and Northwestern University, Bernice Weissbourd knew that parent support was key to early childhood development. With funding from her husband, Bernard Weissbourd, and Chicago businessman and philanthropist, Irving Harris, Family Focus opened a space for parent support in a room at the Miller School in Evanston; and

WHEREAS, former Evanston Alderman Delores Holmes joined Bernice as the first center director, and Family Focus became a drop-in center for parents with young children to gather. Word quickly spread about a woman who was developing the family support model, which started a pilgrimage of more than 80 other agencies and organizations from across the country sending representatives to Evanston to witness the family support movement in action; and

WHEREAS, over the years as needs grew, more centers were founded. Today, the Principles of Family Support are not only a pillar of Family Focus services, but also the field of early childhood development; and

WHEREAS, the late 20th century also marked a shift in services from adoption and foster care to early childhood education (ECE) programs, for which Family Focus remains a leader among Chicago agencies in the ECE field; and

WHEREAS, currently, Family Focus's 11 centers serve nearly 20,000 mostly low-income participants each year throughout the Chicago neighborhoods of Englewood, Hermosa, Humboldt Park, Hyde Park, South Shore, and Lawndale, and the suburban communities of Aurora, DuPage County, Cicero, Evanston, South Holland, Highland Park, and Highwood; and

WHEREAS, Family Focus runs programs designated as Family Advocacy Centers (FACs) in partnership with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). These centers provide support to parents facing neglect or abuse referrals, offering skills-based parenting classes, parent coaching, and supervised visitation; and

WHEREAS, the Family Focus Englewood center has licensed counselors on staff who support families through trauma-informed interventions; and

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WHEREAS, the organization recognizes the importance of play for children's development, creativity, and social-emotional growth. Family Focus programs use play to help children build a foundation for lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, at its Evanston location, Family Focus collaborates with The Evanston Food Exchange on the Foster Street Urban Agriculture Program. Children in this program learn how to plant, harvest, and sell produce at local farmers' markets; and

WHEREAS, Family Focus centers in Aurora, Belmont Cragin, Cicero and Evanston operate as Illinois Welcoming Centers, providing bilingual case management, crisis intervention, referral and follow-up, emergency resource support, and other support services; and

WHEREAS, Family Focus centers in Aurora and Cicero serve immigrant and refugee populations in need of citizenship, DACA, and other legal services; and

WHEREAS, Family Focus centers in Evanston and Aurora operate as Illinois Welcoming Centers, providing bilingual case management, legal assistance for citizenship and DACA renewal, and other support services; and

WHEREAS, the founding philosophy of Family Focus was that parents need a place to connect with others and that all parents can benefit from support. This was evidenced by the demand from both low-income and middle-to-upper-income parents at its first center; and

WHEREAS, Family Focus believes in helping parents gain confidence and competence as the primary educators of their children. The organization's approach centers on parents learning for themselves, rather than being "taught"; and

WHEREAS, Family Focus officially added "advocacy" to its values in recognition that its work cannot be separate from fighting for social justice and equality for all families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Family Focus has made an invaluable impact in the lives of children, their families, and the communities they serve; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the leadership, staff, and community of Family Focus are recognized and celebrated for their dedication and impact; 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 Family Focus on its 175th Anniversary, September 2025.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3849
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

HONORING THE ARGO SUMMIT LIONS CLUB ON THEIR 100th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Argo Summit Lions Club was established on October 20, 1925 in Summit, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Argo Summit Lions Club is part of the Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs International is an international service organization, currently headquartered in Oak Brook, Illinois. As of January 2020, it had over 46,000 local clubs and more than 1.4 million members in more than 200 locations around the world; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Lions is 'We serve communities, give hope and impact lives. Where there's a need, there's a lion ready to help serve'; and

WHEREAS, the Argo Summit Lions Club has donated to Beds Plus Service Center in Summit, Saint Blase Food Pantry, the Argo High School football team, and Summit Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Argo Summit Lions Club takes an active part in the community. The Club has helped with the Summit Fire Department Blood Drive, attend the Summit Fire Department open house events, National Night Out with the Summit Police Department, as well as area festivals to grow the club and raise awareness to what the Argo Summit Club is about. The Argo Summit Club also donates toys to Loyola Hospital every year at Christmas for children; and

WHEREAS, the Argo Summit Lions Club partners with the Bridgeview Lions Club and Justice Lions Club to host a Super Sunday event each year to award Educator Of The Year, Business Of The Year, Veteran Of

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The Year, and a Community Impact Award. The three clubs also partner for an annual Oktoberfest Fundraiser to raise funds to give back to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the current officers of the Argo Summit Lions Club are President Tula Beene, Vice President Brian Ponczek, Treasurer Deshaun Wallace, Assistant Treasurer James Wolf, Secretary Carol McGowan, Marketing Chair Diane Ponce, Membership Chair Jose Rodriguez, and Service Chair Fernando Manriquez; and

WHEREAS, the Argo Summit Lions Club was on the verge of disbanding for lack of membership in 2023. President Tula Beene reached out to the community for new members as she did not want to see that happen. Seventeen community members stepped up and joined in March of that year. The club is now 26 members strong; and

WHEREAS, the Argo Summit Lions Club had the support of the Village of Summit to allow the club to work with students in Cook County School District 104 in Summit for students to submit a design to be on the 2025 village vehicle sticker. The winning design is now on every registered vehicle within the village. The village sticker commemorates the 100th Anniversary for the club.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Argo Summit Lions club has contributed to the well-being and character of the communities they serve; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the efforts of the leadership and members of the Argo Summit Lions Club should be recognized; 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 Argo Summit Lions Club in September of 2025.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3851
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**HONORING TERESA A. CAMACHO HURTADO FOR HER OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER
SERVICE TO COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Cook County recognizes the invaluable contributions of individuals who dedicate their time, energy, and compassion to the betterment of our community; and

WHEREAS, Teresa A. Camacho Hurtado, born in Bolivia and having raised her family in Caracas, Venezuela, belonged to the Bolivian Ladies Association, participating in numerous civic actions and community projects in both Venezuela and Bolivia; and

WHEREAS, Teresa currently resides in Chicago. During her stay in this city, she has offered her services with humility and unwavering commitment, and has been a devoted volunteer and community supporter for the past four years; and

WHEREAS, at 93 years of age, Teresa exemplifies the spirit of civic engagement and proves that age is no barrier to making a meaningful impact; and

WHEREAS, Teresa has quietly and lovingly contributed to Cook County's efforts by preparing gifts for children, labeling donations for seniors and those in need, and bringing joy to the office through her thoughtful holiday decorations; and

WHEREAS, her silent acts of kindness and tireless dedication have touched the lives of many and reflect the highest values of community service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and honors Teresa A. Camacho Hurtado for her extraordinary service and declares her the Honorary Grandmother of Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Teresa as a token of our deepest appreciation and admiration.

**HONRANDO A TERESA A. CAMACHO HURTADO POR SU DESTACADO SERVICIO
VOLUNTARIO AL CONDADO DE COOK**

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CONSIDERANDO QUE, el Condado de Cook reconoce las contribuciones invaluable de las personas que dedican su tiempo, energía y compasión al mejoramiento de nuestra comunidad; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, Teresa A. Camacho Hurtado, nacida en Bolivia y habiendo criado a su familia en Caracas, Venezuela, perteneció a la Asociación de Damas Bolivianas, participando en numerosas acciones cívicas y proyectos comunitarios tanto en Venezuela como en Bolivia; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, Teresa reside actualmente en Chicago. Durante su estadía en esta ciudad, ha ofrecido sus servicios con humildad y compromiso inquebrantable, y ha sido una voluntaria devota y partidaria de la comunidad durante los últimos cuatro años; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, a los 93 años de edad, Teresa ejemplifica el espíritu de compromiso cívico y demuestra que la edad no es una barrera para tener un impacto significativo; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, Teresa ha contribuido silenciosa y amorosamente a los esfuerzos del Condado de Cook preparando regalos para niños, etiquetando donaciones para personas mayores y necesitadas, y trayendo alegría a la oficina a través de sus decoraciones navideñas; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, sus actos silenciosos de bondad y dedicación incansable han tocado la vida de muchos y reflejan los más altos valores del servicio comunitario; y

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, SE RESUELVE, QUE LA Junta de Comisionados del Condado de Cook por la presente reconoce y honra a Teresa A. Camacho Hurtado por su extraordinario servicio y la declara Abuela Honoraria del Condado de Cook; y

POR LO TANTO, SE RESUELVE ADEMÁS QUE se presente una copia de esta resolución a Teresa como muestra de nuestro más profundo aprecio y admiración.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3847
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**HONORING THE ILLINOIS HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON THEIR 35th
ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (IHCC) was founded in 1990; and

WHEREAS, the IHCC was originally founded as the Mexican American Chamber of Commerce of Illinois, Inc. In 2000, the organization transitioned to become the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the IHCC is the largest community of Hispanic business owners across Illinois and the Midwest, representing over 120,000 businesses; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the IHCC is to foster knowledge, connections, and collaboration to drive social change and sustainable economic impact through entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, for generations, Latinos have been integral to the United States of America's economic engine, serving as small-business owners, workers, consumers, and contributors across critical industries including agriculture, food processing, construction, manufacturing, logistics, and retail; and

WHEREAS, in Illinois, Latinos represent nearly 18 percent of the state's population and contribute an estimated \$100.1 billion annually in taxes, wages, and consumer spending, according to a 2021 report by the Center for Economic Research and Forecasting at California Lutheran University; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to the largest concentration of Latinos in Illinois, accounting for more than 1.4 million residents. This represents approximately 25 percent of the county's total population according to the U.S. Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Cook County also hosts the majority of the state's Hispanic-owned businesses, which generate billions of dollars in economic activity and serve as a cornerstone of regional development; and

WHEREAS, these businesses not only create thousands of jobs but also strengthen local supply chains, foster neighborhood revitalization, and expand the county's tax base. Small businesses are the pillars of a thriving society. When they succeed, families prosper, communities are uplifted, and the state as a whole benefits; and

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WHEREAS, the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce remains committed to supporting entrepreneurs and businesses of all sizes, ensuring they have the resources and opportunities necessary to continue driving progress for Cook County and the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, through its no-cost counseling sessions and programs, the IHCC provides support to business owners. These services assist entrepreneurs in securing access to capital, developing comprehensive business plans, strengthening financial literacy in areas such as cash flow and profit-and-loss management, enhancing marketing strategies, hiring and managing personnel, establishing effective pricing models, addressing human resource needs, among other areas; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the IHCC reached 4,231 businesses, hosted over 113 training events and held 1,460 one-on-one counseling sessions. The IHCC has multiple programs that serve Cook County including the Cook County Small Business Source Center; and

WHEREAS, the IHCC is a critical resource and support system for existing and emerging Latino-owned businesses and countless businesses in various demographic areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the efforts of the leadership, staff, and members of the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, including President and CEO Jaime di Paulo, the IHCC Board of Directors and its Chairman Arthur Zayas Miller, should be recognized and celebrated; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has made tremendous impacts on the economies and communities of Illinois, Cook County, and Chicago; 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 Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in September of 2025.

HONRANDO A LA CÁMARA DE COMERCIO HISPANA DE ILLINOIS EN SU 35 ANIVERSARIO

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Cámara de Comercio Hispana de Illinois (IHCC) fue fundada en 1990; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la IHCC se fundó originalmente como la Cámara de Comercio México-Americana de Illinois, Inc. En 2000, la organización hizo la transición para convertirse en la Cámara de Comercio Hispana de Illinois; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la IHCC es la comunidad más grande de propietarios de negocios hispanos en Illinois y el Medio Oeste, que representa a más de 120,000 empresas; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la misión del IHCC es fomentar el conocimiento, las conexiones y la colaboración para impulsar el cambio social y el impacto económico sostenible a través del espíritu empresarial; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, durante generaciones, los latinos han sido parte integral del motor económico de los Estados Unidos de América, sirviendo como propietarios de pequeñas empresas, trabajadores, consumidores y contribuyentes en industrias críticas como la agricultura, el procesamiento de alimentos, la construcción, la fabricación, la logística y el comercio minorista; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, en Illinois, los latinos representan casi el 18 por ciento de la población del estado y contribuyen con un estimado de \$100.1 mil millones anuales en impuestos, salarios y gastos de consumo, según un informe de 2021 del Centro de Investigación y Pronóstico Económico de la Universidad Luterana de California; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el Condado de Cook es el hogar de la mayor concentración de latinos en Illinois, que representa más de 1.4 millones de residentes. Esto representa aproximadamente el 25 por ciento de la población total del condado según la Oficina del Censo de EE. UU.; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el Condado de Cook también alberga la mayoría de las empresas de propiedad hispana del estado, que generan miles de millones de dólares en actividad económica y sirven como piedra angular del desarrollo regional; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, estas empresas no solo crean miles de empleos, sino que también fortalecen las cadenas de suministro locales, fomentan la revitalización del vecindario y amplían la base impositiva del condado. Las pequeñas empresas son los pilares de una sociedad próspera. Cuando tienen éxito, las familias prosperan, las comunidades se elevan y el estado en su conjunto se beneficia; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Cámara de Comercio Hispana de Illinois sigue comprometida a apoyar a los empresarios y empresas de todos los tamaños, asegurando que tengan los recursos y las oportunidades necesarias para continuar impulsando el progreso del Condado de Cook y el Estado de Illinois; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, a través de sus sesiones y programas de asesoramiento sin costo, la IHCC brinda apoyo a los dueños de negocios. Estos servicios ayudan a los empresarios a asegurar el acceso al capital, desarrollar planes comerciales integrales, fortalecer la educación financiera en áreas como el flujo de efectivo y la gestión de pérdidas y ganancias, mejorar las estrategias de marketing, contratar y administrar personal, establecer modelos de precios efectivos, abordar las necesidades de recursos humanos, entre otras áreas; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, en 2024, la IHCC llegó a 4,231 empresas, organizó más de 113 eventos de capacitación y realizó 1,460 sesiones de asesoramiento individuales. El IHCC tiene múltiples programas que sirven al Condado de Cook, incluido el Centro de Fuentes para Pequeñas Empresas del Condado de Cook; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, el IHCC es un recurso crítico y un sistema de apoyo para las empresas de propiedad latina existentes y emergentes e innumerables empresas en diversas áreas demográficas; y

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, SE RESUELVE, que los esfuerzos del liderazgo, el personal y los miembros de la Cámara de Comercio Hispana de Illinois, incluido el Presidente y CEO Jaime di Paulo, la Junta Directiva de IHCC y su Presidente Arthur Zayas Miller, deben ser reconocidos y celebrados; y

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, SE RESUELVE, que la Cámara de Comercio Hispana de Illinois ha tenido un tremendo impacto en las economías y comunidades de Illinois, el Condado de Cook y Chicago; y

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, SE RESUELVE, ADEMÁS, que el Presidente y la Junta de Comisionados del Condado de Cook, en nombre de los residentes del Condado de Cook, honran a la Cámara de Comercio Hispana de Illinois en Septiembre de 2025.

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Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3893
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

HONORING NATIONAL HISPANIC AND LATINX/E HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, National Hispanic and Latinx/e Heritage Month was founded to celebrate the diverse culture, extensive histories, and significant contributions of Hispanic and Latinx/e communities and takes place on a yearly basis from September 15th to October 15th; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 90-48 was passed in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson, which celebrated one week of Hispanic and Latinx/e Heritage; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of Public Law 100-402, it was extended to a month in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan and was enacted into law on August 17, 1988; and

WHEREAS, the independence of Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, and El Salvador is celebrated on September 15th, followed by Mexico on September 16th, Chile on September 18th, and Belize on September 21st; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, Hispanic and Latinx/e individuals have made notable cultural, economic, political and social contributions to the United States; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latinx/e Heritage Month is celebrated nationwide through community gatherings, cultural events, festivals, and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latinx/e Heritage Month allows individuals to share their culture with one another and with the rest of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the population of Hispanic and Latinx/e people has increased over the years, with many arriving in large numbers to seek opportunities and work a variety of jobs, which have helped build and sustain this nation; and

WHEREAS, programs such as the Bracero Program in 1942 allowed Hispanics/Latinxs/es to migrate to the United States and work jobs that played an essential role in the economy; and

WHEREAS, according to the Pew Research Center, about 19% of the population in the United States is Hispanic, making it the second largest racial/ethnic group in the country; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latinx/e Heritage Month acknowledges Hispanic leaders who have organized and fought for equal justice to ensure that all have an opportunity to thrive and grow; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic and Latinx/e community is rich with activists, leaders, and community members who have fought on issues ranging from labor to immigration to environmental justice and more; and

WHEREAS, since January 2025, the Hispanic and Latinx/e community has been especially vulnerable to increased attacks from the federal governments, sparked by increased patrolling of immigration federal agents and a recent Supreme Court case that allows agents to stop individuals based on race, language, and occupation; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic and Latinx/e community in Cook County has organized themselves to defend against deportations and violations of due process and uplift their constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to about 1.37 million Hispanic residents, many of which reside in and shape vibrant communities throughout the County, such as Little Village, Pilsen, Melrose Park, Berwyn, Southeast Chicago, Albany Park, Logan Square, and Humboldt Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes September 15th to October 15th as National Hispanic and Latinx/e Heritage Month to celebrate the work and dedication to the United States.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3834
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

CONGRATULATING JOE WADE ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, Joe Wade has been the city administrator of the City of Prospect Heights since 2014 and has led consequential changes and appropriate progress in operations, policies, and new developments; and

WHEREAS, Joe Wade previously served as the assistant village manager and economic development director for Carpentersville for three years, and village administrator in Morton Grove for six years; and

WHEREAS, Joe Wade holds master's degrees in public administration from Northern Illinois University and industrial relations from Loyola University in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Joe Wade was committed to enhancing pedestrian connectivity by improving and building new sidewalks by obtaining grants from Cook County's Invest in Cook program from 2022 to 2025 for Camp McDonald Sidewalk, Elmhurst Road Sidewalk, and Willow Road Sidewalk, for a total investment of \$276,039; and

WHEREAS, Joe Wade leveraged the Invest In Cook funding for the Camp McDonald sidewalk project to complete preliminary and design engineering for the improvements, which was a prerequisite for IDOT Transportation Enhancement program. The City of Prospect Heights was then approved for \$1.6 million from the state for construction; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Wade quickly worked with Cook County to obtain Covid-19 vaccines for the residents of the City of Prospect Heights by offering access to a mass clinic sponsored by Cook County in Des Plaines and by sponsoring a Pop-Up clinic at River Trails Park District in Prospect Heights with nursing staff fluent in Polish, Spanish and English; and

WHEREAS, Joe Wade led the City of Prospect Heights in joining as a partner of Cook County United Against Hate and recruited the Prospect Heights Public Library and the Prospect Heights Park District to sign on as partners as well; and

WHEREAS, Joe Wade is recognized by his peers, his community, and his colleagues: Prospect Heights Mayor Patrick Ludvigsen said that “Joe Wade has provided excellent leadership and service to Prospect Heights and made several significant contributions to the city, including creating and cultivating a culture of professionalism and stability, managing the completion of many stormwater improvement projects including the vital Arlington Countryside Stormwater Project, and expanding the city’s pedestrian and transit network by promoting construction of new sidewalks for the safety of local students and residents.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Cook County Commissioner Scott Britton on behalf of President Toni Preckwinkle and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby congratulate Joe Wade on his retirement and commend him for his decades-long commitment to our municipalities and residents; 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 Joe Wade as a means of conveying our thanks and congratulations for his service to the residents of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3832
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CHIEF WILLIAM FITZPATRICK

WHEREAS, after a nearly 55-year career in law enforcement, Village of Glenview Police Chief William Fitzpatrick announced his retirement on Tuesday, September 2; and

WHEREAS, Chief Fitzpatrick started his career in law enforcement as patrol officer in Rockford, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Chief Fitzpatrick rose to the rank of chief of the Rockford Police Department, a post he held until 1997; and

WHEREAS, following his time in Rockford, Chief Fitzpatrick served as chief of police in Delavan, Wisconsin, for three years; and

WHEREAS, Chief Fitzpatrick began leading the Glenview Police Department in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Chief Fitzpatrick is credited with guiding the Glenview Police Department through growth and change while maintaining high public safety standards; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Chief Fitzpatrick championed the ratification of the Glenview Police Department's first union pact; and

WHEREAS, Chief Fitzpatrick was an instrumental leader in the design and creation of the Glenview Police Department building which is now Glenview's Municipal Center; and

WHEREAS, under Chief Fitzpatrick's guidance, the Glenview Police Department hired 95 new employees, implemented a body-worn camera program, established an unarmed Safety Response Team, and expanded community outreach initiatives such as the Citizens Police and Youth Police academies; and

WHEREAS, Chief Fitzpatrick committed to serving residents and businesses alike through the investment in and implementation of new technology and training; and

WHEREAS, Chief Fitzpatrick is lauded by his peers for his service and dedication to the post he held for nearly 25 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby thank Chief Fitzpatrick for his decades of dedicated service to the Glenview community and celebrate his retirement; and

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

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Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Chief Fitzpatrick as a means of conveying our thanks and congratulations.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3845
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

DECLARING SEPTEMBER NATIONAL SERVICE DOG MONTH

WHEREAS, service animals are dogs of any breed and size trained to perform a task directly related to a person's disability; and

WHEREAS, service dogs play a vital role in the lives of people with sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, and mental disabilities, assisting them in performing day-to-day tasks; and

WHEREAS, some service dogs are specially trained for people with diabetes, epilepsy, or PTSD; and

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WHEREAS, during the last decade the use of services dogs has rapidly expanded; and

WHEREAS, 27% of adults in the United States, over 61 million individuals, live with a disability; and

WHEREAS, there are only about 500,000 service dogs in the United States leading to waitlist of up to five years; and

WHEREAS, studies show that individuals with a service dog exhibit better psychosocial health that can bolster social, emotional, work and school functioning; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions created the service dog for people with physical disabilities 50 years ago in 1975, creating a new kind of support for disability; and

WHEREAS, Canine Companions is a nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing expertly trained service dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships, free of charge; and

WHEREAS, National Service Dog Month aims to educate the community about the benefits of service dogs and the laws protecting them; and

WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to celebrate service dogs and be respectful of the rights afforded to the adults, children, and veterans who lead more independent lives because of their assistance; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is committed to being an inclusive community in which all citizens, and their service dogs, are embraced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby celebrate the extraordinary helping paws of service dogs in Cook County and throughout the country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby proclaims September as, “National Service Dog Month” in Cook County, Illinois.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3841
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN COOK
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the United States and causes more deaths than any other gynecologic cancer; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, a woman's lifetime risk of being diagnosed with ovarian cancer is approximately 1 in 78; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates 20,890 cases of ovarian cancer will be newly diagnosed in 2025 and 12,730 individuals will die from the disease nationwide; and

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the deadliest of all female reproductive system cancers; and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for ovarian cancer is over 90 percent for individuals diagnosed in early stages; and

WHEREAS, while mammograms can detect breast cancer and Pap smears may detect cervical cancer, there is no reliable early detection test for ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS, in June 2007, the first national consensus statement on ovarian cancer symptoms was developed to provide consistency in describing symptoms to make it easier for women to learn and remember those symptoms; and

WHEREAS, Black women with ovarian cancer are more likely to have late-stage diagnoses, receive lower quality clinical services, and have lower five-year survival rates than non-Black women; and

WHEREAS, women of color, low-income women, and women living in rural areas face more barriers to accessing standard quality of care and are more likely to receive care at a facility that has poorer adherence to National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) treatment guidelines; and

WHEREAS, too many people remain unaware that the symptoms of ovarian cancer often include bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, urinary symptoms, and several other vague symptoms that are often easily confused with other diseases; and

WHEREAS, improved awareness of the symptoms of ovarian cancer by the public and healthcare providers may lead to quicker diagnoses; and

WHEREAS, half of the women who are diagnosed with ovarian cancer are 63 years or older according to the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, the lack of an early detection test for ovarian cancer, combined with its vague symptoms, means that approximately 80 percent of cases of ovarian cancer are detected at an advanced stage; and

WHEREAS, persistent issues collecting and reporting data related to ovarian cancer risk, treatment, and outcomes are particularly pronounced and impede the development of effective policy; and

WHEREAS, all women are at risk for ovarian cancer, but approximately 20% of women who are diagnosed with ovarian cancer have a hereditary predisposition to ovarian cancer, which places them at higher risk; and

WHEREAS, scientists and physicians have uncovered changes in the BRCA genes that some women inherit from their parents, which may make those women 30 times more likely to develop ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS, family history has been found to play an important role in accurately assessing the risk of developing ovarian cancer and medical experts believe that family history should be taken into consideration during an annual physician's visits; and

WHEREAS, women who are at risk of ovarian cancer may undertake prophylactic measures, such as opportunistic salpingectomy, to help reduce the risk of developing this disease; and

WHEREAS, guidelines issued by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network and Society of Gynecologic Oncology recommend that individuals diagnosed with ovarian cancer receive genetic counseling and genetic testing regardless of their family history; and

WHEREAS, studies consistently show that compliance with these guidelines is alarmingly low, with recently published National Cancer Institute-funded research finding that in 2013 and 2014, only one-third of ovarian cancer survivors have undergone testing; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2016 consensus report by the National Academy of Medicine, "there remain surprising gaps in the fundamental knowledge about and understanding of ovarian cancer" across all aspects of the disease; and

WHEREAS, ongoing investments in ovarian cancer research and education and awareness efforts are critical to closing these gaps and improving survivorship for women with ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS, annually in September, Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance (OCRA) and community partner organizations such as the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, hold a number of events to increase public awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the month of September be hereby declared Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the County of Cook.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3501
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF WOMEN AS LEADERS AND NATIONAL
WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY**

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WHEREAS, the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution, granting women the right to vote, was ratified on August 18, 1920; and

WHEREAS, the fight for electoral equality continued after the 19th amendment was ratified, as women of color faced extraordinary barriers to suffrage. African American, Latina, Native American and Asian American women fought for enfranchisement throughout the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, African American women played an active and pivotal role in the struggle for universal suffrage despite their exclusion from many national suffrage activities and groups. Black women like Maria Stewart, Sojourner Truth, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, Mary Ann Shadd Cary, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, and many more fought for equal rights for all African Americans throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. The 1965 Voting Rights Act prohibited racial discrimination in voting, culminating a centuries long effort for suffrage in the African American community; and

WHEREAS, Latina women, particularly in New Mexico, were key advocates during the women's suffrage movement. Hispanic suffragists worked with the National Woman's Party (NWP) and other suffragists to champion Spanish-speaking and bilingual women. Discrimination against language minority citizens was still a major barrier for Hispanic women exercising their right to vote. The 1975 extension of the Voting Rights Act prohibited such discrimination; and

WHEREAS, historically, Native Americans were not allowed United States citizenship, yet Native American activists like Zitkála-Šá organized and advocated for women's suffrage in the 1920s. In 1924, the Snyder Act gave American-born Native women citizenship, but individual states continued to prevent Native American women from voting as late as 1962; and

WHEREAS, first generation Asian Americans were excluded from voting until the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 passed, creating a path to citizenship. Asian American suffragists like Dr. Mabel Ping-Hua Lee worked alongside white suffragists in the years leading up to 1920; and

WHEREAS, the women's suffrage movement was marked by white supremacy and ignored the intersectionality and compounding oppressions faced by women of color; and

WHEREAS, although women have made important gains towards equal opportunity over the last 105 years; sexism, misogyny, and racism have continued to impede progress towards equality; and

WHEREAS, women comprise almost half of the U.S. labor force and outnumber men earning bachelor's and master's degrees. However, women are significantly underrepresented in leadership roles in the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Psychological Association, decades of research shows that women in leadership roles increase productivity, collaboration, innovation, and overall fairness. Women in leadership roles help mitigate deep-rooted stereotypes and uphold inclusive spaces; and

WHEREAS, today, women constitute just 24% of U.S. Senators, 29.2% of U.S. Representatives, 24% of state governors, and 32.8% of total state legislatures; and

WHEREAS, according to research from Harvard University, women make up over 50% of the population in US counties, yet just 27% of county legislators are women; and

WHEREAS, Cook County celebrates 105 years of women’s suffrage while also acknowledging and uplifting the work of women of color who fought for the same rights for decades after the 19th amendment was ratified; and

WHEREAS, National Women’s Equality Day is celebrated annually on August 26th, commemorating the 1920 ratification of the 19th amendment. It also serves to highlight ongoing efforts for gender equality, recognizing both the historic achievements of women and the continuing challenges they face worldwide; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, May 4, 2025, the Cook County Board of Commissioners became a women-majority board for the first time in its history after Commissioner Jessica Vásquez was sworn in as Commissioner of the Eighth District; and

WHEREAS, Cook County recognizes the extraordinary perseverance of women leaders and honors the current nine women Commissioners on the Cook County Board: Commissioner of the 1st District, Tara Stamps, Commissioner of the 5th District, Dr. Kisha E. McCaskill, Commissioner of the 6th District, Donna Miller, Commissioner of the 7th District, Alma E. Anaya, Commissioner of the 8th District, Jessica Vásquez, Commissioner of the 9th District, Maggie Trevor, Commissioner of the 10th District, Bridget Gainer, Commissioner of the 12th District, Bridget Degnen, and Commissioner of the 13th District, Josina Morita, and Board President Toni Preckwinkle; and

WHEREAS, Cook County recognizes the twenty-three women who historically served on the Board: Anna Bemis, Anna Nowak, Mildred Fleming, Mary McEnerney, Marie Coyle, Amelia Sears, Elizabeth A. Conkey, Lucy Palermo, Lillian Piotrowski, Ruby Ryan, Josephine B. Sneed, Irene C. Hernandez, Mildred Casey Mary Mix McDonald, Rose-Marie Love, Bobbie L. Steele, Maria Pappas, Darlena Williams-Burnett, Earlean Collins, Deborah Sims, Patricia Joan Murphy, and Elizabeth “Liz” Gorman.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes and honors the achievements of locally elected women and the first women-majority Cook County Board.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3882
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**CELEBRATING THE NEW ADDITION TO ADVOCATE ILLINOIS MASONIC MEDICAL
CENTER'S INPATIENT WING AND RECOGNIZING ITS HISTORIC TIES TO COOK
COUNTY AND THE FANTUS LEGACY**

WHEREAS, Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center (IMMC), located in the heart of Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood in Cook County's 10th District, has served the residents of Cook County with distinction for over a century, with a longstanding commitment to innovation, access, and compassionate care; and

WHEREAS, IMMC is one of only five Level 1 Trauma Centers in Chicago and plays a vital role as a safety-net hospital, delivering critical services regardless of a patient's ability to pay and serving a growing number of uninsured and underinsured residents from across Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the hospital recently completed the first phase of an ambitious eight-year, \$645 million modernization project, which will essentially double the hospital's physical footprint and significantly expand its capacity to provide high-quality, patient-centered care to the people of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, this expansion includes 333,000 square feet of new medical space, supporting a broad range of vital services, state-of-the-art surgical suites, and a fully modernized Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU); and

WHEREAS, the new five-story patient pavilion adds 326 replacement beds, each housed in private rooms of more than 300 square feet-designed to enhance healing, provide comfort to families, and reduce infection risk-while a four-story expansion to the Center for Advanced Care will deliver expanded oncology services, new operating rooms, and a leading-edge Breast Care Center; and

WHEREAS, the hospital's modernized Women's Health and Birthing Center will now offer private NICU suites, labor and delivery rooms, and surgical ORs, ensuring expectant mothers in Cook County receive compassionate, comprehensive, and dignified maternal care in a safe and healing environment; and

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WHEREAS, IMMC's new infrastructure also incorporates environmental innovation, including a 24,000-square-foot green roof that reduces stormwater runoff, mitigates urban heat, and promotes biodiversity furthering Cook County's sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, this investment is not only a triumph of healthcare infrastructure but also a recommitment to equity and access, ensuring that lifesaving care - including trauma, maternal, surgical, and cancer care - remains accessible to all, especially vulnerable populations throughout the North Side and greater Cook County region; and

WHEREAS, this expansion continues the hospital's strong connection to Cook County's public health history and the Fantus family legacy, beginning with Dr. Bernard Fantus, a pioneering physician at Cook County Hospital who established the world's first hospital-based blood bank in 1937, revolutionizing modern medicine and trauma care; and

WHEREAS, the Fantus Clinic, which operated for nearly 60 years as a crucial safety-net facility for vulnerable Cook County residents, left a legacy of public health leadership that continues to shape the hospital's mission today; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Fantus, great-nephew of Dr. Bernard Fantus, currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Department of Surgery and Medical Director of Trauma Services at IMMC and was present at the dedication of the new inpatient tower, serving as a living testament to the Fantus family's enduring contributions to medicine and public health in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, this historic expansion was made possible through the generosity of numerous philanthropic partners, whose support ensures that all patients, regardless of background or income, continue to receive exceptional care; and

WHEREAS, the opening of this new facility represents a transformative milestone in healthcare delivery for the region, reinforcing IMMC's role as a cornerstone of Cook County's safety-net system and a national model for community-focused, equity-driven health care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby congratulate Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center on the grand opening of its new inpatient wing and expanded NICU; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, President Matthew Primack, and Dr. Richard Fantus in recognition of their unwavering dedication to the health and well-being of the people of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the Consent

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

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

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3829
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. TERRY GARLAND,
BELOVED ELECTRICIAN AT JOHN H. STROGER, JR. HOSPITAL OF COOK COUNTY
(1957-2025)**

WHEREAS, the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, together with President Toni Preckwinkle, wish to honor and memorialize the extraordinary life and service of Mr. Terry Garland, who departed this life on June 29, 2025, at the age of 67, and

WHEREAS, , Mr. Garland was born on July 31, 1957, in Chicago, Illinois, to Donna Garland, who owned a cleaning business, and Walter Garland, a proud electrician and long-standing member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 134, a union to which Terry himself would dedicate 43 faithful years of membership, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garland overcame rheumatic fever in his youth, enduring a lengthy five month stay at La Rabida Children's Hospital. This formative experience instilled in him a deep empathy for children facing medical hardships, and a belief that small acts of kindness, such as fixing a toy, a video game, or a television, could bring immeasurable comfort to young patients, and

WHEREAS, beginning his career at the historic Cook County Hospital and later serving as Head Electrician at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital, Mr. Garland devoted nearly 30 years to ensuring the safety, functionality, and resilience of the County's largest public hospital system. He retired in 2022, leaving a legacy of excellence, selflessness, and professionalism that cannot be overstated, and

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WHEREAS, his expertise extended far beyond technical skill. Colleagues and physicians often referred to him as a “knight in shining armor” for his unwavering readiness to respond, whether repairing malfunctioning call buttons, securing backup generators, or ensuring that Board of Commissioners’ meetings were accessible to the public through reliable technical systems, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garland was admired not only as a consummate professional, but also as a compassionate and generous colleague. His shop became a place of laughter, camaraderie, and fellowship. Known for his playful humor, whether ringing a hallway bell like a high school dismissal chime, or searching through dumpsters to help a colleague in need, he uplifted spirits and embodied the values of humility, kindness, and service, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garland was deeply devoted to his family. He shared 35 years of marriage with his beloved wife, Diane, whom he met while camping at Starved Rock. Together they built a blended family rooted in love, laughter, and perseverance. He raised Diane’s sons as his own, and delighted in the joy of six grandchildren, often found cheering them on at their sports games, and

WHEREAS, his children, Louie Kennedy and Vince Esposito, as well as his grandchildren, remember him not only for his tireless work ethic but also for his steadfast commitment to making the lives of those around him better. His generosity of spirit extended equally to family, colleagues, patients, and friends, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garland’s life was a shining example of public service, labor pride, and personal humility. He embodied the essence of what it means to serve both one’s profession and one’s community with heart, humor, and humanity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, Bill Lowry, Cook County Commissioner of the 3rd district, Alma E. Anaya, Cook County Commissioner of the 7th district, and Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby honor the remarkable life and service of Mr. Terry Garland, express profound condolences to his wife Diane, his sons, his grandchildren, his extended family, and the countless colleagues and friends who will carry forward his legacy of kindness, loyalty, and dedication, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Board and that a suitable copy be presented to the family of Mr. Terry Garland as a tribute to his memory and as a gesture of deepest sympathy and respect from the people of Cook County. Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd. District. Dated this _____ day of _____.

Sincerely,

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3828
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JULIAN TAYLOR BOLTON
October 28, 1949 - August 4, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize and commemorate the life, legacy, and extraordinary contributions of Julian Taylor Bolton, a distinguished public servant, legal luminary, educator, and community leader whose decades of service embodied integrity, wisdom, and an unwavering commitment to the public good; and

WHEREAS, Julian Taylor Bolton was born on October 28, 1949, in Memphis, Tennessee, to Alex and Millicent Bolton. His early life in Memphis' historic Klondike neighborhood provided the foundation for a lifetime of civic engagement and leadership. In 1958, his family made the transformative decision to relocate to Chicago, Illinois, in pursuit of greater opportunity, a move that would profoundly shape his personal and professional journey; and

WHEREAS, following his formative years in Chicago, he graduated from Mount Carmel High School, Julian returned to Memphis to pursue higher education at Southwestern College (now Rhodes College), earning a Bachelor of Arts in Communication in 1971. Demonstrating a profound dedication to the arts, he went on to receive a Master of Arts in Theater from Memphis State University in 1973; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Julian married the love of his life, Joyce Walker. Their nearly five-decade union was blessed with three children, Julian Taylor Bolton II, Jared Walker Bolton, and Jasmine Bolton West, and was marked by a deep partnership rooted in love, respect, and shared purpose; and

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WHEREAS, Julian began his professional life as an educator, serving both as a teacher within Memphis City Schools and as a professor at LeMoyne-Owen College, where he inspired countless students with his intellect, creativity, and commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Julian was elected to the Shelby County Commission, where he served with honor and distinction for 24 years. His tenure included service as Chairman in 1995 and leadership roles as Chair of both the Budget and Legislative Committees. In these capacities, he championed fiscal responsibility, legislative integrity, and policies aimed at uplifting the community; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating an enduring passion for public service, Julian continued to serve after leaving elected office, lending his expertise as a policy advisor to both the City of Memphis and the Shelby County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, pursuing a new chapter in his professional journey, Julian earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Memphis School of Law in 1992, joining the Tennessee Bar. As managing partner of the Memphis branch of the Cochran Law Firm, founder of The Law Office of Julian T. Bolton, and later as General Counsel for the National Organization of Black County Officials and Special Counsel to the Shelby County Board of Commissioners, he exemplified legal excellence, advocacy, and justice; and

WHEREAS, Julian's commitment to community service extended far beyond his professional endeavors. He served on numerous boards, including the Midtown Mental Health Center Board, the National Association of County Officials, and the National Association of Counties. His outstanding service was recognized through numerous honors, including the Rhodes College Distinguished Alumni Award in 2009 and the City of Memphis Exemplary Service Award from Mayor A C Wharton in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Julian Taylor Bolton's life was a testament to the power of perseverance, civic responsibility, and the belief that one individual can profoundly impact the lives of many. His steadfast devotion to family, tireless advocacy for his community, and exemplary record of leadership have left an indelible mark on Memphis, Shelby County, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Joyce Walker Bolton; his sons, Julian Taylor Bolton II (Monique) and Jared Walker Bolton; his daughter, Jasmine Bolton West (Junior); his cherished granddaughters, Olivia and Alexis Bolton; his siblings, Leah Cornelius, Mattlyn Turks, Kenneth Bolton, Alex Bolton, and Nedra Bolton Bailey; his step-sibling, Marion Mauldin; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alex and Millicent Bolton; and

WHEREAS, the life of Julian Taylor Bolton serves as a shining example of integrity, service, and compassion, inspiring future generations to lead with purpose, advocate with courage, and serve with humility.

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, do hereby honor the memory of Julian Taylor Bolton, extend their deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues, and recognize his lifetime of distinguished service to his community and country; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Julian Taylor Bolton as a lasting tribute to his extraordinary life and enduring legacy. Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd. District. Dated this _____ day of _____.

Sincerely,

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025
TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3831
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

RESOLUTION HONORING CONGRESSMAN DANNY K. DAVIS

WHEREAS, the Honorable Daniel Kendrick Davis, born September 6, 1941, in Parkdale, Arkansas, has served the people of Illinois with unwavering distinction, compassion, and intellectual rigor throughout his decades of public service; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Davis has maintained a steadfast commitment to education, earning a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, a Master of Science in Guidance from Chicago State University, and a Doctorate in Public Administration from the Union Institute in Cincinnati, thereby laying a foundation of academic excellence that would inform his future in public leadership; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Davis began his service to the public as a teacher, community organizer, and health center administrator before rising to elected office, where he served with integrity and vision as a member of the Chicago City Council representing the 29th Ward from 1979 to 1990, and later as a Commissioner on the Cook County Board from 1990 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Congressman Davis was elected to represent Illinois's Seventh Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives, where he would go on to serve fifteen consecutive terms, spanning nearly thirty years and demonstrating unparalleled dedication to legislative advocacy on behalf of the most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Davis has been a fierce proponent of social justice and equity, using his role on the House Ways and Means Committee, particularly as ranking member of the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support, to advance policies that uplift working families, expand access to healthcare, and reduce poverty; and

WHEREAS, his legislative leadership was instrumental in the passage of the Second Chance Act, which has invested over one billion two hundred million dollars to reduce recidivism and promote reentry programs for formerly incarcerated individuals, reinforcing his belief in rehabilitation and restorative justice; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Davis has been a consistent champion for accessible and equitable healthcare, supporting provisions in the Affordable Care Act that funded Federally Qualified Health Centers, expanded Medicaid, and created the Community First Choice Option, thereby improving the lives of millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, he has worked to eliminate disparities in education by securing over three hundred seventy-four million dollars for Predominantly Black Institutions, expanding transparency in academic outcomes, and supporting educational opportunities for youth experiencing homelessness, foster care, or disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Davis has advocated for economic justice by enhancing the Earned Income Tax Credit, broadening the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, and investing in economically distressed communities, while also fighting for equitable opportunities in small business contracting and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Davis has persistently defended civil liberties, voting rights, and racial equity, while also courageously confronting the epidemic of gun violence, a battle that became deeply personal after the tragic loss of his grandson to gunfire, strengthening his resolve to enact meaningful firearm reform; and

WHEREAS, his distinguished career has garnered numerous accolades including over six honorary doctorate degrees, and his leadership continues to inspire generations of advocates, scholars, and public servants across Cook County and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Davis recently announced that he will not seek re-election at the end of his current term, concluding an era of legislative excellence and moral clarity that has served as a beacon of ethical public service.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, Bill Lowry, Cook County Commissioner of the 3rd district, and Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board of Commissioner, do hereby recognize and commend Congressman Daniel Kendrick Davis for his lifetime of public service, principled leadership, and profound contributions to the residents of Cook County and the United States of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Congressman Danny K. Davis as a token of Cook County's deepest appreciation and enduring respect for his extraordinary legacy. Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd. District. Dated this ____ day of _____

Sincerely,

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3873
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 15TH AS GEORGE "THE MUSIC MAN" DANIELS'
DAY in Cook County, IL.**

WHEREAS, George Daniels stands as a Living Legend in music, retail, and community life-beloved by communities, villages, neighborhoods, and networks across the globe for a lifetime of vision, integrity, and steadfast dedication to artists, fans, and independent businesses alike; and

WHEREAS, his steadfast founding of George's Music Room on December 12, 1969, created a seminal bridge between legendary musicians and diverse audiences on Chicago's West Side, enriching culture and commerce for generations; and

WHEREAS, his leadership demonstrates that family and loyalty are the wells from which lasting success flows, turning the simple word "family" into a powerful blueprint for community-minded enterprise; and

WHEREAS, his influence reaches beyond commerce into mentorship and advocacy, earning affectionate titles such as "Unk," "The Music Man," and "The Messenger," and inspiring trust across generations-from Chicago to Africa; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to curating authentic music experiences-through retail, media appearances, conferences, and collaborations-has preserved and promoted the artistry of both iconic legends and emerging talents alike; and

WHEREAS, his philanthropy and civic leadership form the enduring heartbeat of Chicago's culture, proving that business at its best sustains families, neighborhoods, and futures; and

WHEREAS, the global respect he has earned-from artists like Queen Latifah to Snoop Dogg and peers around the world-reflects the universal impact of his mentorship, integrity, and generosity; and

WHEREAS, his remarkable career path-from janitor and driver at Chess Records to a principal voice in music retail-illustrates the power of perseverance, adaptability, and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, his achievements, including National Association of Recording Merchandisers Retailer of the Year, symbolize a standard of excellence and ethical leadership in a changing industry, cementing his contribution in Chicago and American history; and

WHEREAS, the forthcoming documentary project to document and broadcast his influence will educate, inspire, and amplify a legacy that transcends generations of artists and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, this film will cement George Daniels' name in Chicago and American history, preserving a nuanced understanding of music's social and economic context; and

WHEREAS, his impact as a "Music Man" is celebrated not only for business success but for shaping spaces where artists feel valued, supported, and empowered to pursue their art fearlessly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that George Daniels is truly a Living Legend-a force of character and heart whose life-story illuminates the power of family, community, music, and mentorship; whose presence elevates present deeds and ignites the ambitions of future generations; and whose enduring example calls us all to integrity, generosity, and excellence; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, 5th District

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Commissioner Dr. Kisha E. McCaskill, and the Cook County Board declare and decree August 15th as George “The Music Man” Daniels Day in Cook County, Illinois, to honor his lasting contributions to music, culture, and community.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3874
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

EARNEST WALLACE IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, the Cook County Assessor’s Office wishes to acknowledge the passing of Earnest Wallace, an employee of the Cook County Assessor’s Office who passed away on Sunday, August 31st, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Earnest Wallace served the Cook County Assessor’s Office with distinction for twenty-three years and was a resident of West Pullman in the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Earnest Wallace spent the entirety of his career at the Assessor’s Office helping Cook County property owners with their concerns and devoting his life to public service; and

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WHEREAS, Earnest Wallace received commendations for his compassion, patience, and professionalism when interacting with the public and was considered an expert in the complicated subject of property tax savings for residential cooperative properties; and

WHEREAS, Earnest Wallace aka “The Deacon” was adored by his colleagues for always having a kind word for all and being one of the best-dressed employees in the office, and was often asked for by name by those who he’d helped before; and

WHEREAS, Earnest Wallace’s service to Cook County will be a legacy for all to admire; and

WHEREAS, Earnest Wallace is survived by his son, daughter, and grandchildren who will cherish his memory always.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does in this moment extend its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family, friends, and co-workers of Earnest Wallace and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be shared in the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to the family of Earnest Wallace so that his memory may be honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3880
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,**

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BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. MCCASKILL,

DONNA MILLER, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,

MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ,

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF KEITH NUNNALLY

WHEREAS, Keith Nunnally was born on May 27, 1963, in Chicago, Illinois, to Norris and Earline Nunnally

WHEREAS, Keith Nunnally made his peaceful transition into eternal rest September 5, 2025, at 2:19 p.m., surrounded by love, with prayers, song, and the gentle touch of family; and

WHEREAS, Keith Nunnally was preceded in death by his parents, Norris and Earline Nunnally, and his brothers Mark and Norris Jr., however, he leaves behind a devoted family, including his brother Gregory, sister Melanie, his sons, nieces, nephews, extended relatives, and a host of friends who cherished him as their own; and

WHEREAS, Keith Nunnally was a proud graduate of Morgan Park High School, where his extraordinary talents as a singer, dancer, athlete, dramatist, and leader were recognized; and

WHEREAS, Keith Nunnally on August 10, 2008, married Kareen Franck, and was a father to her sons, Braxton and Bradford Nunnally, and a loving stepfather to Bryan Byrdlong; and

WHEREAS, Keith Nunnally's artistic genius first blossomed in Beverly, where his passion for singing and performing quickly set him apart, from early roles in productions like *The Wiz* to standout community performances; and

WHEREAS, Keith Nunnally became a pioneer in Chicago's emerging house music scene, collaborating with Steve "Silk" Hurley and leaving an indelible mark on a sound that would spread from the city's underground parties to international acclaim; and

WHEREAS, Keith Nunnally was deeply committed to his friends, many of whom became chosen brothers, sharing in life's trials and triumphs. The Nunnally household served as a gathering place of love, creativity, and community, shaping countless young lives; and

WHEREAS, Keith Nunnally's spiritual journey deepened in his later years, becoming an active participant in men's ministry, and his faith in Christ anchored him through illness, challenges, and victories, and became the foundation of his peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby honor the life and legacy of Keith Nunnally; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Keith Nunnally as a symbol of comfort, gratitude, and respect for a life well-lived, and a legacy that will endure.

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TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3846
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**RECOGNIZING HOFFMAN ESTATES MAYOR WILLIAM D. MCLEOD'S 45 YEARS OF
SERVICE**

WHEREAS, William (Bill) D. McLeod was first elected as Mayor of Hoffman Estates in April 2001, after serving as Acting Mayor from September 2000 and Village Trustee since 1980; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mayor McLeod dedicated himself to the growth and sustainability of Hoffman Estates' economic development and business retention, housing, infrastructure, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, he has also prioritized intergovernmental relationships and is active on local, regional, and state committees to ensure residents and business owners receive the best representation; and

WHEREAS, as part of this work, in 2018 and 2019, Mayor McLeod worked with the Board and Village staff to secure an approximately \$200 million redevelopment plan convert the former AT&T campus into a thriving "metroburbs" with an exciting, walkable downtown-style centerpiece for the village, complete

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with 1.2 million square feet of office space, 60,000 square feet of conference facilities, storage and amenities, and 60,000 square feet of restaurant and retail space; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McLeod also successfully advocated the creation of the Economic Development Committee that was instrumental in the creation of the Hoffman Estates Historical Museum; and

WHEREAS, he additionally helped spearhead and guide the development of the highly visible Barrington Interchange and continues to work on the further redevelopment of the Village Green as part of the Hoffman Estates entertainment district; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McLeod's area-wide service includes serving as a board member of the Schaumburg Regional Air Park, a member of the Transportation Steering Committee and Communications Committee with the United States Conference of Mayors, and a Director of the Joint Action Water Agency; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McLeod additionally represents the Village at the Northwest Municipal Conference where he previously served as President and as the Chair of its Economic Development Committee and Co-Chair of the Legislative Committee and Chair of the Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, he was also appointed as a board member to Cook County Suburban PACE in August of 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McLeod also represented Hoffman Estates for 20 years on the Regional Cable Group and is a former director of the Greater Woodfield Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McLeod is a long-standing supporter of the environment and is one of 1,000 U.S. Mayors to sign The U.S. Conference of Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McLeod serves on Leadership committees for WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger) and the Children's Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McLeod, and the Village Board members, make a point to engage with their constituents and have notably visited every block party to listen to neighborhood concerns and issues; and

WHEREAS, before his time as Mayor, Mayor McLeod was a small business owner for 35 years, served as a Legislative Assistant to an Illinois State Representative for 4 years, was a board member of the Greater Chicagoland Parents of the Hearing Impaired, and was President of the Castleford/Hearthstone Homeowners Association; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McLeod and his wife, Joane, enjoy spending time reading, walking, learning about history, and sitting on the front porch with their combined eight children and twelve grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, this year marks Mayor McLeod's 45th year of service and dedication to Hoffman Estates; and

WHEREAS, thanks to his dedication to the village, Mayor McLeod has shaped Hoffman Estates into a community that is vibrant, resilient, and growing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Mayor William Mcleod on his 45 years of service to Hoffman Estates, and wish him well in all his ongoing and future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to Mayor William Mcleod in recognition of his many years of service to his community.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3878
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING ROCK OF AGES BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE OCCASION OF
ITS 75TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**

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WHEREAS, on September 15, 1950, the late Reverend Thomas H. Wade, Sr. founded Rock of Ages Baptist Church in Maywood, Illinois, opening its doors in the Old Lycem Hall at 1309 Madison Street with just two members-his wife and his son-and a vision rooted in compassion, outreach, and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, from those humble beginnings, Rock of Ages Baptist Church grew rapidly under Rev. Wade's leadership, moving into a permanent worship space at 1642 S. 15th Avenue in Maywood and establishing itself as a spiritual anchor in the community; and

WHEREAS, following the passing of Rev. Wade, the Lord sent another visionary leader, Reverend Marvin E. Wiley, who brought new energy and direction to Rock of Ages, sparking phenomenal growth that expanded membership from 400 to more than 4,000 congregants; and

WHEREAS, under Pastor Wiley's leadership, Rock of Ages constructed a new, multi-million-dollar edifice in 1995 on the original site of the Old Lycem Hall, symbolically returning to its roots while building for the future; and

WHEREAS, the church expanded its ministry to meet the spiritual, social, financial, and physical needs of the community through programs such as the Vision of Restoration, Inc. (VOR), a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to restoring lives in Maywood and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Rock of Ages continued to expand its reach with a Saturday night worship service in Bolingbrook in 2003, extending its ministry to meet the needs of residents in Chicago's western suburbs; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the T.H. Wade Foundation Center-a four-level, 40,000 square foot, multi-million-dollar facility-was opened, providing resources for training, education, and entrepreneurship, further cementing Rock of Ages as a cornerstone of spiritual growth and community empowerment; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2025, Rock of Ages Baptist Church celebrates its 75th Church Anniversary, a quintessential milestone that honors not only its historic founding, but also its enduring legacy of faith, service, and transformation in Maywood, the western suburbs, and throughout Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and honor Rock of Ages Baptist Church on the occasion of its 75th Church Anniversary for seventy-five years of spiritual service, community development, and faithful leadership in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent record of proceedings of this Board, and that a suitable copy be presented to Rock of Ages Baptist Church as a symbol of the Board's highest esteem, congratulations, and gratitude.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3830
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARY LYON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, in 1925 Mary Lyon Elementary School first opened its doors and began educating the children of the Northwest side of Chicago in the Belmont Cragin neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, for the past century, Mary Lyon Elementary School has stood as a pillar of the greater Chicago Northwest side community, fostering the brains of tens of thousands of students ranging from kindergarten to 8th Grade; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lyon Elementary School has been distinguished for the high quality of education it provides its students; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lyon Elementary School engages in Social Emotional Learning initiatives that consist of five core competencies: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the development of their students' social-emotional skills and confidence is encouraged to make them well rounded members of society; and

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WHEREAS, students are emboldened to explore subjects that ignite their curiosity, develop advanced research and communication skills, and unlock their creative, problem-solving, and analytical potential-all while fostering teamwork, collaboration, and a joyful daily learning experience; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lyon Elementary recognizes its predominantly Hispanic and Spanish speaking student population; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lyon Elementary makes it a priority to ensure their students have access to the critical resources they need to succeed through their Bilingual Education Program; and

WHEREAS, for the past 100 years Mary Lyon Elementary has been dedicated to nurturing and preparing each student for college, providing them with essential time management and study techniques to ensure they are well-prepared for college, career success, and the challenges of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, Mary Lyon students take pride in being “The Lions!” and are taught to live by the school’s R.O.A.R.S. values: Respectful, Organized, Accountable, Responsible, and Safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and congratulate Mary Lyon Elementary School on the 100th anniversary of their founding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the leadership of Mary Lyon Elementary School in honor of the century of academic excellence they have provided to the Northwest side of Chicago and the Belmont Cragin neighborhood.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-3827
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ST. GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC SCHOOL ON 100
YEARS OF EXCELLENCE**

WHEREAS, in 1925 St. Genevieve Catholic School was built and began its legacy on the Northwest side of Chicago in the Belmont Cragin neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, for the past century, St. Genevieve Catholic School has stood as an institution of dignity, grace, and academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, the school has provided a quality, Catholic education both rich in tradition and rooted in faith for children from Preschool to 8th grade; and

WHEREAS, St. Genevieve Catholic School upholds a rigorous curriculum that enables students to grow academically, clarify their values, and develop decision-making skills and a sense of responsibility for themselves and the world they will inherit as leaders; and

WHEREAS, these values are reflected by the school's motto "Where Jesus Is The Heart Of All That Matters"; and

WHEREAS, St. Genevieve Catholic School embodies the values of diversity and inclusion, starting in the 1920s with the mixed French, German, Irish, Italian, and Polish ancestry of their student population that has since evolved into a primarily Hispanic one; and

WHEREAS, this institution has always recognized the socially and racially diverse community of Belmont Cragin; and

WHEREAS, St. Genevieve Catholic School has been committed to celebrating the cultures and traditions of its students and the Hispanic people by observing holy days such as the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and El Día De Los Muertos; and

WHEREAS, St. Genevieve Catholic School recognizes the social inequalities currently present in the education system and works to be part of the solution by providing need-based scholarships to their students to make sure all children in their community have access to a quality education; and

WHEREAS, over the course of 100 years, St. Genevieve Catholic School has produced generations of distinguished alumni who continue to make meaningful contributions in Belmont Cragin, across our city and around the world-as educators, professionals, public servants, faith leaders, and changemakers-carrying forward the school's mission and values into the world.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and congratulate St. Genevieve Catholic School on the 100th anniversary of their founding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the leadership of St. Genevieve Catholic School in honor of the century of academic excellence they have given to Belmont Cragin and the broader Northwest side of Chicago.

Approved and adopted this 18th of September 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Nays: None (0)

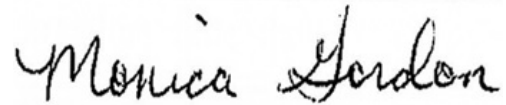
Absent: Commissioner Gainer, Miller and Moore (3)

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 October 23, 2025, in accordance with County Board Resolution 25-0986.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica Gordon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

COUNTY CLERK