



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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**Cook County Building, Board Room,
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

Consent Agenda

Thursday, February 9, 2023, 10:00 AM

[23-0992](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE JESSE WHITE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Mr. Jesse White was born on June 23, 1934, in Alton, Illinois, and in 1943 moved to Chicago with his parents where he attended Schiller Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White went on to attend Waller High School (now Lincoln Park Academy), where he was active in school athletics, being named All-City in basketball and baseball and excelling at tumbling; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, he enrolled at Alabama State College, majoring in physical education, and played baseball and basketball, earning All-Conference honors in both sports; and

WHEREAS, in May 1995, Mr. White was inducted into the Southwestern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame and was inducted into the Chicago Public League Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in June 1995; and

WHEREAS, after receiving his diploma from Alabama State College, Jesse signed with the Chicago Cubs organization; however, four days before leaving for spring training, he was drafted by the United States Army, where he attended jump school and was trained as a paratrooper and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division. He would later join the Army Reserves and become a member of the Illinois National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White finished his military service in 1959 and returned to Chicago, where he finally began his professional baseball career, playing for several seasons with the Chicago Cubs organization; and

WHEREAS, in the off-season, Mr. White worked as a physical education instructor at Schiller Elementary School, the school that he attended as a child, as well as with the Chicago Park District where he worked as a gymnastics coach and teacher for the Chicago Park District YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago and enjoyed a 33-year career with the Chicago public school system as a teacher and administrator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White was asked to organize a gym show at the Rockwell Garden Housing Projects, which would lay the foundation for what would become known worldwide as the Jesse White Tumbling Team and since the team's inception, over 10,000 children, ages 6 and up, have participated in the program; and

WHEREAS, the Jesse White Tumblers give more than 1,500 performances each year at major sporting events and community, business, and charity functions, garnering national and international attention and have performed throughout the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, Bermuda, Belize, China, Israel, Tokyo, Japan, and Zagreb, Croatia. The team has also been featured in commercials, national television shows, and motion pictures; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, he was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives, where he served on the Committees on Aging, Elementary & Secondary Education, Public Utilities, and chaired the Committee on Children and Human Services. Among the bills proposed by White in the House was the Good Samaritan Bill, which allowed hotels to offer leftover food to soup kitchens without threat of liability; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White served 16 years in the Illinois General Assembly representing the most culturally, economically, and racially diverse district in Illinois building a solid record for fighting crime, improving education, and helping senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. White would go on to become the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, the nation's second largest Recorder of Deeds office in the country at the time having been elected to the post in 1992 and re-elected in 1996; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 1998, Mr. White was elected Illinois Secretary of State by a margin of over 450,000 votes. He was sworn into office on January 11, 1999, serving as the 37th Secretary of State and retired as the longest serving and first African American to hold this position and in the process becoming perhaps the best-known and best-liked officeholder in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the indelible impact both inside and outside the world of politics over his remarkable career, this Honorable Body wishes to honor Mr. Jesse White on the occasion of his retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Mr. Jesse White on his retirement and thank him for his many years of dedicated service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to Mr. Jesse White as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

[23-1206](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS AMERICAN HEART MONTH AND DECLARING FEBRUARY 9TH, 2023 GO RED DAY IN COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the month of February is recognized as American Heart Month; and

WHEREAS, the annual celebration began in 1963 to encourage Americans to join the battle against heart disease and each year a presidential proclamation pays tribute to researchers, physicians, public health professionals and volunteers for their tireless efforts in preventing, treating, and researching heart disease; and

WHEREAS, heart disease (including coronary heart disease, hypertension, and stroke) remains the No. 1 cause of death for men, women, and people of most racial and ethnic groups in the United States and cardiovascular diseases claim more lives each year than all forms of cancer and chronic lower respiratory disease combined accounting for 1 in every 4 deaths; and

WHEREAS, heart disease continues to kill more people in the U.S. than any other cause, despite, and likely even due to, the impact of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic according to data from the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and that trend is likely to continue for years to come as the long-term impact of the novel coronavirus will directly affect cardiovascular health, according to the American Heart Association; and

WHEREAS, heart disease is the leading cause of death in Cook County as well, accounting for 10,259 deaths in 2021 of that, 4,974 were in the City of Chicago and 5,285 were in suburban Cook County; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the estimated annual incidence of heart attack in the United States is 805,000 new attacks, 605,000 are first attacks and 200,000 are recurrent attacks with Americans suffering a heart attack approximately every 34 seconds; and

WHEREAS, although some progress has been made, it's important to make sure all Americans have access to quality care and as a country we should continue to focus on "Life's Simple 7," which refers to the American Heart Association's seven goals of eating a healthy diet, exercising

regularly, avoiding excess weight, not smoking, and keeping blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar within a healthy range; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of all non-Hispanic black adults have some form of cardiovascular disease, 47.7 percent of females and 46.0 percent of males; and

WHEREAS, since the outbreak of COVID-19, there have been even higher mortality rates due to the effect the disease has had on individuals with pre-existing health conditions, primarily those which are cardiovascular-related. The American Heart Association found that the already sizable Black-White life-expectancy gap has now grown to over ten years due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, by 2035, more than 130 million adults, or 45.1% of the U.S. population, are projected to have some form of cardiovascular disease and total costs of CVD are expected to reach \$1.1 trillion in 2035, with direct medical costs projected to reach \$748.7 billion and indirect costs estimated to reach \$368 billion; and

WHEREAS, hospitals and health systems around the country celebrate American Heart Month by helping to raise awareness in their communities about heart disease, with staff wearing red and volunteers knitting or crocheting pint-sized red hats for newborns, as well as holding free screenings and heart health awareness events; and

WHEREAS, in response to the pandemic, the Board of Commissioners approved a resolution creating a virtual “hands only” CPR & AED training as part of the on-boarding process for new employees and which is available to all county employees providing the knowledge needed so we can eliminate one of the barriers to not being able to survive a heart attack; and

WHEREAS, one of the “Bystander Effect” statistics that is especially troubling is that African Americans and Hispanics are 30-50% less likely to have bystander CPR performed if they suffer an incident and compared to white children, bystander CPR was 41% less likely for black kids, 22% less likely for Hispanics and 6% less likely for other ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, women are also less likely to receive bystander CPR because people fear accusations of inappropriate touching, sexual assault, or injuring the person, with only 39% of women receiving bystander CPR in public compared to 45% of men and men’s chances of surviving a cardiac event are 23% higher than women. To highlight the need for more education around this issue, this year’s American Heart Association theme is ‘Be the Beat’ for a woman you love and learn CPR for Go Red for Women Events and American Heart Month activities; and

WHEREAS, data shows that CPR initiated by a bystander can nearly double or triple the chance of survival from cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS, these sobering data sets led the 6th District office to research and publish in 2022, a white paper on cardiovascular disease in the 6th District to gain a better understanding on the extent of heart disease mortality and existing disparities at the hyper-local level; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body wishes to promote and raise awareness of American Heart Month and heart health in Cook County and encourage all Cook County employees to take advantage of the Virtual CPR & AED training available on the County Human Resources Training platform;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby take this opportunity to acknowledge American Heart Month and officially recognizes February 2023 as Heart Month in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conjunction with American Heart Month, February 9th, 2023 be hereby declared “Go Red Day” in the County of Cook and encourages everyone to wear red on said day to create awareness of and in recognition of American Heart Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body in recognition of American Heart Month.

[23-1296](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THOMAS F. BOLAND SR., IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Thomas F. Boland Sr. from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Thomas F. Boland Sr. was the beloved husband of the late Kathleen “Kay”, nee Barrett; and

WHEREAS, Thomas F. Boland Sr. was the loving father of Martin (Julie), Michael (Janet), Kathleen (Sean) Lawlor, Teresa (Jeffery) Lock, and Thomas Jr. (Lisa); and

WHEREAS, Thomas F. Boland Sr. was the proud Pop of Jack, Joe, Patsy, Bridget, Mary Kate, Clare, Michael, Molly, Tom, Kailyn, Nora, Nieve, Tommy III, and Annie; and

WHEREAS, Thomas F. Boland Sr. was the adored son of the late Michael and Hannah Boland; and

WHEREAS, Thomas F. Boland Sr. was the cherished brother of Catherine (the late PJ) McCarthy, the late Flann (Mary) Boland, Anne (Christy) Browne, the late Danny (Margaret) Boland, the late John (the late Maureen) Boland, the late Mary (the late David) Liston, and the late Bridie (the late Marty) Keane; and

WHEREAS, Thomas F. Boland Sr. was the beloved brother-in-law of Rita (John) Deane; and

WHEREAS, Thomas F. Boland Sr. was the dear uncle, cousin, and friend to many; and

WHEREAS, Thomas F. Boland Sr. was the founding member of The Clare Association; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Thomas F. Boland Sr. and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

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