



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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**Cook County Building, Board Room,
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Consent Agenda

Thursday, September 21, 2023, 10:00 AM

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Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COOK COUNTY DECLARES OCTOBER 2, 2023, THROUGH OCTOBER 6, 2023, AS DIGITAL INCLUSION WEEK

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted how the digital divide impacts Cook County residents, particularly our racially and ethnically diverse residents and communities; and

WHEREAS, Many Cook County communities lack access to reliable and affordable broadband due to the lack of infrastructure; discrimination in investment in delivering technology and technology-related services to specific areas or populations; or barriers derived from socioeconomic status, education, literacy, language, or disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Many Cook County residents do not have access to high-speed broadband connectivity, devices or, resources to meet their needs nor adequate digital literacy skills; and

WHEREAS, Broadband services play an important role in civic and cultural participation, lifelong learning and access to essential services for Cook County communities; and

WHEREAS, Digital skills are a gateway for career advancement and crucial for economic growth, intergenerational wealth-building and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, digital inclusion refers to activities to ensure that individuals and communities have access to reliable and affordable broadband internet service: internet-enabled devices; access to digital literacy training; quality technical support; and applications and online content that enables and encourages self-sufficiency, participation, and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Digital equity ensures all Cook County residents and communities have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in our society, democracy and economy; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is committed to closing the digital divide for its residents through digital inclusion efforts and by advancing digital equity goals;

WHEREAS, the observance of Digital Inclusion Week seeks to increase public knowledge of the importance of digital equity and prompt digital inclusion efforts across our County to expand broadband access, foster adoption, promote digital literacy; and increase digital safety and security awareness; and

WHEREAS, Digital Inclusion Week, spearheaded by the National Digital Inclusion Alliance, is an annual week of awareness, recognition, and celebration. This year's theme is "Building Connected Communities," signaling a time of action and reflects the vision for Cook County communities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby declare October 2, 2023, through October 6, 2023, Digital Inclusion Week, and the first business week in October as Digital Inclusion Week going forward.

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 State of Illinois.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

JAMES J O’CONNOR, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called James J. O’Connor from our midst, and

WHEREAS James O’Connor was the beloved husband of Ellen (nee Lawlor), and

WHEREAS James O’Connor was the loving father of Fred (Jill), James (Julie), and Elizabeth Cole (Michael), and

WHEREAS James O’Connor was the cherished grandfather of John Thomas, James, Matthew, Brad, Will, Brendan, Charlotte, Caroline, and Regan, and

WHEREAS James O’Connor was preceded in death by his young son John, sisters Kay and Patricia, and his parents Fred and Helen, an

WHEREAS James O’Connor attended St. Ignatius College Prep High School, earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the College of the Holy Cross, obtained his MBA at Harvard University, and received his JD from Georgetown, and

WHEREAS James O’Connor proudly served in the United States Air Force and later in life was the civilian executive counsel to the US Army, and

WEHREAS James O’Connor began his career at Commonwealth Edison in 1963 as a lineman on a service truck, among other various positions, leading up to the role of President and CEO of Commonwealth Edison, and

WHEREAS James O’Connor served in the role of Chairman at Edison Electric Institute, the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations and the Nuclear Energy Institute, and

WHEREAS James O’Connor served on many civic and charitable boards including: American Cancer

Society, Big Shoulders Fund, Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago, Catholic Charities, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, Field Museum of Natural History, Irish Fellowship Club, Millennium Park Foundation, Museum of Science and Industry, 100 Club of Illinois, Chicago Urban League, and United Way, and

WHEREAS James O'Connor was a Trustee of College of the Holy Cross, Northwestern University and Saint Xavier University, and

WHEREAS James O'Connor was a Life Trustee for Adler Planetarium, Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau, Chicago History Museum, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Committee for Economic Development and the Lyric Opera, and

WHEREAS James O'Connor was a member of Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago, Chicago Commonwealth Club and Economic Club of Chicago, and

WHEREAS James O'Connor had many honors; Lincoln Laureate, Chicago Business Hall of Fame, Daniel Burnham Award, Irish American Hall of Fame, Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and innovation, Harvard's Man of the Year and Holy Cross' Man of the Year, and

WHEREAS James O'Connor had many Honorary Degrees; DePaul University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Roosevelt University, Lewis University and Saint Xavier University; Chair in Decision and Game Sciences at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University, and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that James O'Connor 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 James O'Connor 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 James O'Connor that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

JEAN T. LEE, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Jean Lee from our midst; and

WHEREAS Jean Lee was the loving wife of Raymond; and

WHEREAS Jean Lee was the loving mother of Sidney, Bernice, Serena, and Medora; and

WHEREAS Jean Lee was the cherished grandmother of eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS Jean Lee was born on February 8, 1933, to Mr. and Mrs. Pon Gin; and

WHEREAS Jean Lee was the older sister to Linda and younger sister to Frank, who preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS Jean Lee immigrated to the United States at 16 years old and met her husband Raymond; and

WHEREAS all who knew her will attest that Jean Lee was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her 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 Jean Lee 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 Jean Lee that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Matthew Rodriguez from our midst, and

WHEREAS Matthew Rodriguez was the beloved husband of Ruth (Williams), and

WHEREAS Matthew Rodriguez was the loving father of Kathleen (Richard) Diaz, and

WHEREAS Matthew Rodriguez was the dear grandfather of Felicia (Matt Wojas) Diaz-Wojas and Matthew Diaz, and

WHEREAS Matthew Rodriguez was the dedicated son of the late Matt Rodriguez and Annette (Drozdzik) Rodriguez, and

WHEREAS Matthew Rodriguez was the loving brother to Sandra (Richard) Potocki, Darlene (Paul) Sheils, and the late Richard Rodriguez, and

WHEREAS Matthew Rodriguez was the dear brother-in-law to the late Shirley (the late Harold) Scully, and

WHEREAS Matthew Rodriguez was the loving uncle to many nieces and nephews, and

WHEREAS Matthew Rodriguez began his career as a Chicago Police Officer in 1959, and

WHEREAS Matthew Rodriguez was the Superintendent for the Chicago Police Department from 1992 thru 1997 and became the first Latino to serve as Superintendent in Chicago's history, and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that Matthew Rodriguez 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 Matthew Rodriguez and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss, and

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Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Matthew Rodriguez that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CHARLES “CHARLIE KIM” SETTINO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Charles Settino from our midst, and

WHEREAS Charles Settino was the beloved husband of Jo Ann nee Bedwell, and

WHEREAS Charles Settino was the loving father of Kimberly (J.J.) Madia and Dee Ann Settino, and

WHEREAS Charles Settino was the cherished grandfather of Matthew (Amy) and Lauren Madia, and

WHEREAS Charles Settino was the devoted son of the late Raffaello and late Michelina Settino, and

WHEREAS Charles Settino was the loving brother of the late Carmella Benbow, late Frank Settino, late Rose (late Smitty) DeGrazia, late Susan (late Carl) LaPorta, late Mary (late Pat) Teta, late Josephine (late Joe) LaPortra, late Annie (late Jim) Cavalone, late Virginia (late Frank) LaScola, late Therese (late Ken) Dragozetich and the late Charles M. Settino, and

WHEREAS Charles Settino was the fond uncle to many nieces and nephews, and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that Charles Settino 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 Charles Settino 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 Charles Settino that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

KEVIN PETER WARD, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Kevin Ward from our midst, and

WHEREAS Kevin Ward was the dedicated son of John F. Ward and the late Valerie J. (Carney) and stepmother Beth Ward, and

WHEREAS Kevin Ward was the loving brother to Karen (Wren) Aislinn, and

WHEREAS Kevin Ward was the dear uncle to Keegan and Piper Aislinn, and

WHEREAS Kevin ward was born in Oxford, England

WHEREAS Kevin Ward grew up in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and

WHEREAS Kevin Ward graduated from University of Michigan in 1986, and

WEHREAS Kevin Ward, after graduation, enjoyed a decade of adventures which included working as an options trader at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, a ski resort employee and hotel chef in Colorado, and as a commercial fishing deckhand on a boat out of Alaska, and

WHEREAS Kevin Ward began his career as a Chicago Fire Fighter in 1996 and later became a Lieutenant, and

WHEREAS Kevin Ward sustained injuries fighting a house fire on August 11, 2023, and succumbed to the injuries on August 28, 2023 surrounded by his family, and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that Kevin Ward 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 Kevin Ward 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 Kevin Ward that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION AND SERVICE OF CHERYL CLARK ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, after 29 years in public service, Officer Cheryl Clark will be retiring on Friday, September 15, 2023, and

WEHREAS, Officer Clark began her career with the Chicago Police Department on August 7, 1995, and

WHEREAS, Officer Cheryl Clark has been at the Chicago Police Department's 9th District throughout the majority of her CPD career, and

WHEREAS, Officer Cheryl Clark has held several positions at the 9th District, including Abandoned Building Officer, Domestic Violence Officer, Faith Based Officer and Youth Officer to name a few, and

WHEREAS, Officer Cheryl Clark is currently the Senior Citizens Officer, where she works closely with senior citizens groups throughout the 9th District, developing important relationships with seniors, and

WHEREAS, the 9th District residents will be forever grateful to Officer Cheryl Clark for her lifelong dedication, and

WHEREAS Officer Cheryl Clark is looking forward to retiring and enjoying her time with her son Chaz, family, and friends, and

WHEREAS, Officer Cheryl Clark upheld police integrity and her commitment to hard work and her dedication has earned the respect of her colleagues in the 9th District Chicago Police Department and the community she has served and protected, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to Officer Cheryl Clark for this special recognition, and extends its gratitude on behalf of the community for her outstanding service as a Police Officer with the Chicago Police Department and 9th District, and

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 Officer Cheryl Clark, to commemorate the occasion

of her retirement.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. NATHANIEL HORN

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst Dr. Nathaniel Horn on August 18th, 2023, at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nathaniel Horn was born March 24, 1955, to the union of Nathaniel and Beatrice Horn. Nathaniel is the second of four children and was raised in a loving family on Chicago's far southside; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horn attended catholic grammar school and Mendel Catholic High School, and from a very young age always aspired to be a physician; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horn attended Bradley University in Peoria IL, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1977 and was inducted as a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Zeta Mu chapter at Bradley University in 1974. He then went on to attend Southern Illinois University School of Medicine graduating in 1982 with a Doctorate of Medicine (MD); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horn completed his medical residency at the University of Chicago Hospital and started his medical career at Jackson Park Hospital and then Illinois Masonic Hospital specializing in anesthesiology and internal medicine; and

WHEREAS, later Dr. Horn opened his own facility, the Horn Clinic in Matteson in 2014 and in his most recent position he served as medical director of Boston Medical Group and now named a Clinic for Him in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time, he was an avid traveler who had a gift of sharing colorful stories of his time away, and he was a very serious sports fan, whether it was the "Da Bears" White Sox or the Bulls. Whatever the sport he was always ready to watch the game at Bocce's, his home away from home; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horn loved spending time with his wife and enjoyed his most important role, being PA PA; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horn is survived by his wife, Congresswoman Robin Kelly, two daughters, Lauren Horn and Madeline Walton (husband Adrian Walton), two grandsons, Joseph Osborne and Adrian Walton with another one on the way he affectionally called Sprout, two stepchildren, Kelly and Ryan

Hamilton, his father Nathaniel Horn, two sisters, Brenda Hummons (Husband Donald Hummons), Sandra Horn Jones (Husband Melvin Jones), one brother Jonathan Horn (wife Shelease Horn) and seven nieces and nephews, Donald Jr, Roderick, Julian, Devon, Whitney, Ashley and Jonathan Jr. and a host of family and friends;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and loved ones of Dr. Nathaniel Horn; 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 the family of Dr. Nathaniel Horn so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. ROBERT ANDREW JORDAN, MD

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst Dr. Robert Andrew Jordan on Friday, August 11, 2023, at the age of 81; and

WHEREAS, Robert Andrew Jordan was born in Laurel, Mississippi, January 30, 1942, to parents Eddie Lee and Pauline Jordan. Robert was the oldest of his six siblings: Carrie, Paula, Fredrick "Freddie/Fred," Conneleta "Diane," and Deborah "Goobs"; and

WHEREAS, after losing his younger sister Diane at the tender age of nine to asthma; Bobby was determined to become a doctor to save the lives of not only asthmatic children but all ailing children; and

WHEREAS, his family moved from Mississippi to Chicago in the mid-1950's when Robert was in his early teens, and one of his first jobs was as a helper in the office of a Black physician. He was smart and hard-working, but his dream of going to medical school seemed financially out of reach; and

WHEREAS, Robert attended Hyde Park High School on Chicago's southside, where he met his wife, Jeanette Bass, who would soon become the one love of his life. They were married on July 29, 1962, after high school. They enjoyed 61 years of covenant marriage. Robert and Jeanette accepted Christ as their savior, both at a very young age and raised their family in church; and

WHEREAS, Robert worked at the U.S. Post Office for 10 years prior to pursuing his admission to medical school. Robert completed Loop City College and went on to graduate from the University of

Illinois, Chicago. He scored highly on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and enrolled at Rush Medical College in 1972 and received his Medical Degree in 1976.; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Dr. Robert A. Jordan would not only become Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital's first Black Chief Resident of Pediatrics, but the first Black Physician ever named as Chief Resident in the history of the medical school. Dr. Jordan's calling was always to provide children and families access to comprehensive healthcare no matter the health plan. He was trained to meet the unique needs of children, through all their developmental stages; and

WHEREAS, he practiced medicine a little over three (3) decades on Chicago's south side at Altgeld Gardens, Michael Reese Health Plan (95th Street), Roseland, Homewood, Olympia Fields, and Chicago Heights. No visit to Dr. Jordan was routine in nature as the child and the parents received important care and information they needed. He spent time with his patients getting to know their medical and sometimes life needs. He could be counted on to show up at the hospital day or night; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jordan was affiliated with multiple hospitals and served as a medical director of three nursing homes. He gave back to medical students, physician assistants and medical assistants by allowing them to complete preceptorships in his busy offices. Dr. Jordan also gave back to his community in many ways. On February 4, 1992, along with his beautiful wife, he established Far South Side Community Health Center, a nonprofit organization that provided annual school physicals and immunizations to school age children to ensure they started the school year on time. Additionally, Dr. Jordan served as the summer camp physician for the Sickle Cell Disease Association of Illinois (SCDAI) for over 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jordan loved the Lord and served as a deacon at St. John M.B. Church for many years. He was later installed as an elder at Pullman Presbyterian Church and Journey to the Cross Ministries; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jordan is survived by his dedicated wife Pastor Jeanette, and their loving children Bryan Jordan (Tishia), Elder Allison Jordan Jackson (Rael), Christa Jordan Mitchem, Drew Pittman (Ralph), Edilah Jordan, and Jeremiah Fitzgerald; Their loving grandchildren Brytish, Bryan II, Jordan, Zion, Zoe, Josiah, Machai, and Aniya; His siblings: Paula, Fred and Deborah Fountain (Phillip); His nephews: Rickson, John, Fred II, Corichey, Hansel, Karl, and Joshua; His godson Kenton Rainey and great nieces Tracey, Jylen and Genesis; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents Eddie Lee and Pauline and sisters Diane and Carrie and his son-in-law Jeffrey Mitchem; and

WHEREAS, we know and are comforted by the fact that Robert was loved by a host of friends, relatives and patients;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President, Commissioner Donna Miller and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and loved ones of Dr. Robert Andrew Jordan; 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 the family of Dr. Robert Andrew Jordan so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[23-4731](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING DORANITA TYLER AND THE D TYLER AGENCY ON ACHIEVING THE AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE 25 YEAR ALL AMERICAN HALL OF FAME DESIGNATION

WHEREAS, Doranita Tyler and the D Tyler Agency, recently celebrated a major milestone achieving the 25 year All American Hall of Fame with American Family Insurance; and

WHEREAS, American Family Insurance is an American private mutual company that focuses on property, casualty, and auto insurance, and also offers commercial insurance, life, health, and homeowners' coverage as well as investment and retirement-planning products, and is a Fortune 500 company, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tyler has also been awarded with the Women of Distinction Orchid Award for Outstanding Community Service and the American Star Award for Customer Service by American Family Insurance; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tyler has built a diverse team at the D Tyler Agency with unique backgrounds, training and experience that have prepared them well to help meet the insurance needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, Doranita is a compassionate community leader, women's activist, and deeply spiritual person who stands on her faith and Christianity, balancing her work life, family life and external commitments. That dedication has led to her being a cherished member of her community; and

WHEREAS, Lynwood resident Doranita Tyler has been an insurance agent since 1996 and her commitment to her client and community is evident not only with her stellar agency, but her service to the community. In Lynwood, Doranita serves on the Boards of the Chamber of Commerce, Library, and Police Pension organizations, and is an avid supporter of the Crisis Center of South Suburbia, Professional Women's Network, Aglow Single Mom's organization dedicated to building life skills, enhancing careers, and restoring dreams and iCan Dream Center, which connects youth to holistic, innovative special education services; and

WHEREAS, her leadership has spearheaded her agency's dedication to fostering strong partnerships and relationships in the community helping it reach this important milestone and be an American Star Certified agency; and

WHEREAS, Doranita obtained her professional education from Columbia College, in Chicago, IL where she earned her bachelor's degree with a concentration in Broadcast Journalism. Continually educating herself, Doranita obtained her Life Underwriting Training Council Fellowship designation from the American College and the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, as well as successfully completed the Women's Leadership Challenge program at Moraine Valley College. These designations helped her to gain the confidence to become the successful business owner that she is; and

WHEREAS, continuing her commitment to her family, church, community, and business interests, Doranita has dedicated this chapter of her life and career to the education of black and brown families helping to close the wealth gap, and empowering transformation from one generation to the next;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President, Commissioner Donna Miller and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners is proud to honor and congratulate Ms. Doranita Tyler and the D Tyler Agency on the occasion of achieving the American Family Insurance 25 Year Hall of Fame Designation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body thanks Ms. Doranita Tyer for her steadfast commitment to her community and 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 Ms. Doranita Tyler as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

[23-4732](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING BLOOD CANCER AND SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the month of September is National Blood Cancer Awareness Month as well as 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 an estimated 1 in 365 Black Americans and 1 in 16,300 Hispanic Americans 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; and

WHEREAS, individuals can help be part of the solution by donating blood, which is one of the most critical 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

WHEREAS, blood cancers include leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma and Hodgkin's disease, 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 to 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 these diseases;

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 Blood Cancer Awareness Month 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 2023 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.

[23-4807](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER and ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY DAY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, social media can be a force for the greater public good, providing a means for beneficial entertainment, education, socialization, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, social media has also demonstrably caused significant and widespread harm to the public, especially children; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General issued a warning on May 23, 2023, stating that “there are increasing concerns among researchers, parents and caregivers, young people, healthcare experts, and others about the impact of social media on youth mental health” with such concerns including anxiety, eating disorders, depression, and suicide; and

WHEREAS, social media is additionally used to facilitate cyberbullying, privacy invasion, fraud, human trafficking, sexual harassment, sexual predation, hate, and misinformation; and

WHEREAS, social media platforms are routinely used to facilitate the sale of illegal narcotics which has resulted in multiple deaths nationwide, and

WHEREAS, other segments of society such as domestic violence survivors are also at increased risk of social media-related harms; and

WHEREAS, a University of Chicago Crime Law Report noted that teachers and school administrators report that a large share of in-school conflicts originate in social media disputes; and

WHEREAS, studies have found that hate groups, terrorist organizations both domestic and foreign, left- and right-wing extremists, and street gangs are using social media platforms to recruit new members, threaten and harass individuals, incite violence, and post violent videos; and

WHEREAS, studies have further found that such groups further utilize social media as a way to communicate about and organize their activities including flash mobs and organized retail thefts which are significantly and adversely impacting businesses and communities throughout Cook County and across the country, and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive approach on social media that promotes best practices across education, public policy, and technology increases our ability to protect families from these threats; and

WHEREAS, Cook County should continue to undertake efforts to mitigate and prevent current and emerging social media-related threats, provide guidance to those at risk, and bring awareness to the benefits and challenges of social media; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Social Media Safety Day will serve to promote efforts and awareness for the protection of our families and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President, Commissioner Donna Miller and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners by the adoption of this Resolution hereby designates October 3, 2023, as Social Media Safety Day in Cook County; and

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

[23-4680](#)

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON and SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH 2023

WHEREAS, the Cook County Government recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting its residents from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective safety and privacy; and

WHEREAS, The Cook County Board of Commissioners are dedicated to providing everyone in Cook County the information necessary to promote the understanding, implementation, and success of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month to help the residents of Cook County stay safe online and connect with confidence; and

WHEREAS, since 2014, with the creation of the Information Security Ordinance, Cook County has required all Agencies to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information; and

WHEREAS, The Cook County Board of Commissioners created the Information Security Working Group, strengthening inter-agency cooperation and collaboration with City, State, and Federal agencies and promoting cybersecurity for our infrastructure, services to residents, and the election processes; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has created a comprehensive privacy policy to protect residents' information and govern the County's handling practices, collection, and use of personal data, as well as the specific rights of Data Subjects; and

WHEREAS, cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, Cook County residents, and anyone who connects to the internet, and a connected society is subject to cybersecurity threats that can compromise even the most personal and sensitive of information; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of Cook County's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

WHEREAS, monitoring online accounts, being conscientious of what you share online, keeping computer software up to date, using multi-factor authentication, creating unique passwords, and changing them regularly, installing anti-virus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices safely are ways you can protect yourself from phishing, viruses, malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government of the United States of America, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (www.cisa.gov), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (<https://www.cisecurity.org/ms-isac>), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) all recognize October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month; and all Cook County residents are encouraged to visit these websites, to learn about cybersecurity to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim that Cook County is officially supporting National Cybersecurity Awareness Month in October of 2023.

[23-4751](#)

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING RUBINA ALAM

WHEREAS, Rubina Alam joined Cook County as a GIS Intern in the Cook County Clerk's Office in the Summer of 1997, where she helped bring the county into the digital age through her work on converting paper maps to digital data; and

WHEREAS, Rubina was soon hired by Cook County Highway Department as Cartographer in June 1998 where she assisted in the creation of street map data on the old VMS system as new subdivisions were formed as well as worked on crucial municipal map updates as annexations and disconnections occurred; and

WHEREAS, in March 2001 Rubina was hired as a Zoning Land Planner at the Zoning Board of Appeals where she worked for 11.5 years on items such as processing zoning cases for variances, Special Uses and Map Amendments, and a 2011 pilot program to digitize the zoning cases processing system; and

WHEREAS, in February 2012 Rubina was appointed to her current position as the Zoning Administrator at the Department of Building and Zoning; and

WHEREAS, in her current role she processes all zoning cases sent to Zoning Board of Appeals for Public Hearing, issues Zoning Certificates, issues Zoning Verification letters, issues approval for Business Occupancies, approves General Business Licenses, and works closely with customers to address their questions and help them in applying for the permits, occupancies, licenses, and complying with violations; and

WHEREAS, Rubina also works closely with consultants on projects, such as getting the current BZWorkflow-Online Permitting system in place with the Department of Building and Zoning, and

WHEREAS, Rubina has always been a great help to Cook County residents, assisting constituents whenever they need help with their permits; and

WHEREAS, her quick responsiveness and supportive qualities have enabled Cook County to provide the best service possible to our residents; and

WHEREAS, Rubina's tireless work and dedication to Cook County has been paramount to the maintenance and improvement of the way we structure the communities we live and work in everyday;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Rubina Alam and recognize her for all the work and commitment she has dedicated to public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to Rubina Alama in recognition of her invaluable contributions to Cook County.

[23-4823](#)

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE BARRINGTON CRESCENT CRICKET CLUB

WHEREAS, the Barrington Crescent Cricket Club, with sister teams in both the Caribbean and Pakistan, was started 20 years ago from the ground up by Naveed Ahmed and supported by Nadeem Khan, Dr. Syed Haider, and Sakina Kisat and Arman Rafi; and

WHEREAS, with nearly 2,000 registered cricket players living across Cook County, the Club's success has led to an explosion of the sport's popularity across the collar counties-attracting nearly 500 spectators to every game; and

WHEREAS, the Club scouts players from all across the country to come play for their club, and have recently recruited top tier cricket players, including Sarfraz Ahmed, Calvin Savage, Hassan Khan, Saad Ali, Rameez Raja, Hammad Azam, and Awais Zia, to be their ambassadors; and

WHEREAS, the Club works to keep itself community-driven by working with local schools to offer coaching experience to students as well as ensuring that games are free and fun for the whole family; and

WHEREAS, the Village of South Barrington has been a local champion of the Cricket Club, especially Mayor Paula McCombie, and leased land to the club in order to construct the first privately built cricket ground in Cook County that was unveiled in June of this year; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Club won the Liberty Cup, a competition that featured 10 teams; and

WHEREAS, the Club was 2021 and 2022 champion of the Hanover Park American T20 Trophy (AMT 20) Tournament, a competition that featured 12 teams featured professional players from around the world; and

WHEREAS, with Club being the highest ranked in Chicagoland, the County is on the verge of having its first major league professional team;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor the Barrington Crescent Cricket Club and recognize them for their major accomplishments both on the field and in their communities across Cook County; and

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

Body, and suitable copies be tendered to the members of the Barrington Crescent Cricket Club recognition of their achievements and contributions to Cook County.

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Sponsored by: SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE THE 175th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ILLINOIS & MICHIGAN CANAL

WHEREAS; The Illinois & Michigan (I&M) Canal opened in 1848 to connect the American heartland to New York Harbor on the east and to New Orleans to the south by water; thereby extending the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS; This water highway became an important transportation corridor enhancing commerce and trading, bringing people and capital to Illinois and was instrumental in the development of the towns along its waterway; and

WHEREAS; The I&M Canal gave birth to the growth of the Illinois cities of Chicago, Lemont, Lockport, Seneca, Channahon, Utica, Joliet, Ottawa, Morris, LaSalle-Peru; and

WHEREAS; The I&M Canal upon completion linked the Illinois River with Lake Michigan; finalizing an all-water route from New York to New Orleans and establishing a water highway to the west; and

WHEREAS; The 96-mile I&M Canal ushered in a new era in trade and travel and set the stage for Illinois to become our Nation's most populous inland Empire and home to the nation's greatest inland port; and

WHEREAS; The I&M Canal was designated as an National Historic Landmark in 1963 and our Nation's First National Heritage area in 1984; and the Canal Corridor Association designated the coordinating entity for the Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Area in 2006; and

WHEREAS; the 17th District of Cook County is within the Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Area boundaries designated by the US Congress; and

WHEREAS; Today visitors, residents, and school children can visit the Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Area (IMCNHA) from Chicago to Peru and enjoy historic, cultural, and natural resources, including its many trails, prairies, historic canal towns, museums, attractions, and festivals, including experiencing a ride on a mule pulled canal boat.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Cook County Commissioner Sean M. Morrison and the entire Cook County Board do hereby celebrate and commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the opening of the I&M Canal, recognizing and appreciating the IMCNHA for all the historical, recreational and educational opportunities and experiences it has to offer Cook County Residents and beyond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three, and the two hundred and forty-seventh year of the Independence of the United States of America, we join the I&M Canal Corridor Association and many others in celebrating the canal’s 175th anniversary.