



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

BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 9:00 AM

Special Consent Calendar Meeting

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Pursuant to Cook County Code of Ordinances, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon at this time to deliver testimony germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three (3) minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Pursuant to Cook County Code, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Consent Calendar Resolutions for your consideration. The Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

17-2626

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MEMORIAL DAY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is the last Monday of May, and is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a time for the Nation to appropriately remember and honor our American heroes; and

WHEREAS, our service men and women answered the call of duty and made the ultimate sacrifice to maintain the security of our country and the liberties we hold so dear; and

WHEREAS, our nation is honor bound to remember those who died on distant shores defending our Nation and our way of life; and

WHEREAS, citizens across Cook County, the State of Illinois and the entire United States will pause to remember the sacrifices of men and women who died in service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, on this Memorial Day, as throughout the year, we pray for the families of the fallen and show our respect for the contributions these service members made to the continuation of American freedom; and

WHEREAS, our grateful Nation honors their selfless service, and we recognize a debt of honor beyond our capability to repay; and

WHEREAS, Americans must never allow ourselves to forget the contributions made by those who served and those who gave their lives to protect the freedom and democracy for our country; and

WHEREAS, it is important to show our gratitude for all our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and Merchant Mariners who died in the service of our Nation that we might continue to enjoy the liberties we so deeply cherish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize Monday, May 29, 2017, as Memorial Day and pay tribute to those who served and those who died with a sense of honor, duty and dedication for the United States of America.

17-2760

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING CANADA AS IT CELEBRATES ITS SESQUICENTENNIAL

WHEREAS, in 1867, the British North America Act united Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia into the Dominion of Canada; and

WHEREAS, Canada continued its growth, adding five provinces to the confederation: Manitoba (1870), British Columbia (1871), Prince Edward Island (1873), and Alberta and Saskatchewan (1905); and

WHEREAS, Canada fought on the side of the Allies with the outbreak of World War I in 1914; and

WHEREAS, the National Hockey League was founded in Montreal in 1917; and

WHEREAS, from 1916-1919, Canadian women won the right to vote in federal elections; and

WHEREAS, in 1923, Frederick Banting and J.J.R. Macleod (born in Scotland) became the first Canadians to win a Nobel Prize for their work that led to the discovery of insulin; and

WHEREAS, in 1931, the Statute of Westminster granted British dominions complete autonomy; and

WHEREAS, Canada and the United States agreed to develop the St. Lawrence River into a seaway capable of taking ships into the Great Lakes in 1932; and

WHEREAS, Canada declared war on Nazi Germany in 1939 and declared war on Japan in 1941 after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, Canada became a founding member of NATO. Newfoundland, until then a British dominion, became a province of Canada; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, Canadian forces participated in the United Nations war effort in Korea; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, Saskatchewan's Medical Care Insurance Act created Canada's first comprehensive public healthcare program; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, a new Canadian flag—a red maple leaf on white background between two red bars—replaced the flag that had incorporated the British flag; and

WHEREAS, Expo 67, a world's fair held in Montreal, was considered one of the most successful world fairs of all time and provided impetus to Canadian national identity; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Canada adopted its new constitution, completing Canadian independence; and

WHEREAS, Canada and the U.S. agreed to establish free trade in 1989; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Canada hosted the Winter Olympics in Vancouver. Canada went on to win 14 gold medals, an all-time high for a host country in a Winter Olympics; and

WHEREAS, the 150th anniversary of Canada, promoted by the Canadian government as Canada 150, will be celebrated with an estimated half-billion dollars in anniversary events and projects, including such things as infrastructure, social science and humanities research, parks, arts, and much more—throughout the country and throughout 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Canada on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the Consul General of Canada in Chicago in recognition of Canada's contributions on the world stage and its long history of cooperation and friendship with the United States.

17-3001

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING FR. GEORGE H. CLEMENTS 60TH ANNIVERSARY IN THE PRIESTHOOD

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Fr. George H. Clements is celebrating 60 years of service as a priest in the Roman Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 26, 1932; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements attended Corpus Christi Elementary School in Chicago and became the first African American graduate from Chicago's Quigley Academy Seminary in 1945; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sacred Theology and a Master of Arts degree in Philosophy from St. Mary of the Lake Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 3, 1957 by Cardinal Samuel Stritch; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements became pastor of Holy Angels Church in Chicago in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements has been an active advocate for social justice issues and marched with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr in Selma, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements originated the one church-one child program in the 1980's which utilized churches to find adoptive parents for African American children in need; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements started the one church-one addict program in Washington D.C. in the 1990's to assist recovering drug addicts through counseling and spiritual consolation; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements started the one church-one inmate program in 1999 to facilitate the transition of inmates from incarcerated life to life as productive and law-abiding citizens; and

WHEREAS, Fr. George H. Clements is the proud father of four adopted children: Joey, Friday, Stewart and Saint Anthony; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and dedication of Fr. George H. Clements has helped numerous individuals and children become thriving and productive members of society; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Fr. George H. Clements on the occasion of his 60th anniversary in the priesthood, and join all who have had the pleasure of his friendship in wishing him still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, 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 Fr. George H. Clements to commemorate this joyous occasion.

17-3094

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE ATHLETIC OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Athletic Officials Association (AOA), the oldest referee training organization in

Illinois, celebrates its 100-year anniversary in 2017; and

WHEREAS, in 1917, the AOA was established as a not-for-profit member association with the Illinois High School Association and became the first officials association in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the AOA now serves more than 400 officials from all over northeastern Illinois with divisions in football, basketball, baseball, and softball; and

WHEREAS, these divisions and the executive board are governed by an all-volunteer staff made up of IHSA officials and umpires trying to further the profession of officiating in the sports they love and serve; and

WHEREAS the AOA helps advance the careers of the officials by providing a wealth of professional training and by promoting sportsmanship between officials, players, coaches, and fans; and

WHEREAS, the AOA recognizes individuals for their contributions to the continuing education of sports officials annually with the Abe Glick award and inductions into the AOA Hall of Fame.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare May 20, 2017, "AOA Day" in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the Athletic Officials Association of America and all of its members for their continued support and dedication in their respective sports and in honor of the 100th anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Athletic Officials Association of America as an expression of our appreciation for its continued support and dedication to the success of high school sports in the state of Illinois.

17-3147

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING COMCAST CARES DAY

WHEREAS, Comcast is an active, committed and engaged neighbor in Cook County as demonstrated by 16 years of Comcast Cares service in Cook County communities and well over 75,000 total number of volunteer hours; and,

WHEREAS, Comcast supports the core American value of volunteerism through partnerships, grants and volunteer activities that empower individuals and organized communities; and

WHEREAS, Comcast Cares Day is a celebration of service and commitment to year-round volunteerism, and has become one of the nation's largest single-day corporate volunteer efforts that

brings employees, families, friends, and community partners together for a common purpose and mission; and,

WHEREAS, Comcast celebrated its 16th Comcast Cares Day on April 22, 2017, and has reached important milestones nationally, including nearly 5 million volunteer hours at 7,700 projects since Comcast Cares Day started in 2001; and,

WHEREAS, Comcast Cares Day promotes a spirit of corporate responsibility thanks to the hard work, dedication and service of 3,609 Comcast volunteers at 31 service projects across Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate Comcast and the team of volunteers that make Comcast Cares Day an annual success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and that a copy of same, suitably engrossed, be presented to Comcast.

17-3153

Sponsored by: LUIS ARROYO JR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE TOWN OF MOŃKI, POLAND - STREET RENAMING

WHEREAS, Immigration is something that has accompanied the Polish nation for centuries. You may say that Polish immigrants are citizens of the world, present among different types of countries and cultures, with one of the largest Polish populations right here in Chicago of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, for decades, residents of Mońki, Poland migrated to the United States. American Polonia continue to forge their paths in various professions and trades while holding fast to their origins but have become an integral part in American society in seeking to demonstrate their patriotism, cultivate their traditions and raise their family pursuing the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, the city of Mońki maintains a close relationship with the City of Chicago and Cook County. In 2005, with mutual support and commitment from fellow Poles, a 17-foot bronze statue of St. John Paul II, the first Polish Pope, was installed at St. Hyacinth Basilica in the Logan Square-Avondale Neighborhood as a testament to the thriving Polish Community; and

WHEREAS, in many respects, Milwaukee Avenue has been the hub of migrant, Polish Americans for decades. By naming a section of Milwaukee Avenue, from North Central Park to North Ridgeway, Honorary Ziemia Mońiecka, will strengthen the link of those Polish Americans of the City of Chicago and Cook County to their roots; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby express our gratitude for the enrichment the American Polonia bring to our communities and congratulate all members of the Mońki community on the honorary naming of 'Ziemia Mońiecka' on this

seventh day of May 2017 ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to a representative of the Moñki region.

17-3154

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF ELIZABETH “BETTY” O’CONNELL

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Elizabeth “Betty” O’Connell is celebrating her 80th Birthday on March 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth “Betty” O’Connell was born in Chicago on May 16, 1937 as the oldest of 5 children; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth “Betty” O’Connell was the loving wife to the late Thomas P. O’Connell, Captain in the Chicago Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth “Betty” O’Connell is the cherished mother of Thomas, James, William, Daniel, John, Mary Beth, Martin and Matthew; and

WHEREAS Elizabeth “Betty” O’Connell is the proud grandmother of 13 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS Elizabeth “Betty” O’Connell is the loving great grandmother of 2 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS Elizabeth “Betty” O’Connell was a dedicated employee of the Chicago Public School System for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS Elizabeth “Betty” O’Connell is an active member of St. Bernadette’s Catholic Church in Evergreen Park; and

WHEREAS Elizabeth O’Connell is a lifelong resident of Cook County; and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to Elizabeth “Betty” O’Connell on the occasion of her 80th Birthday, and join all who have had the pleasure of her friendship in wishing her still more years of good health and richly deserved happiness, 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 Elizabeth “Betty” O’Connell to commemorate this joyous occasion.

17-3163

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF ELLEN BROWNE

WHEREAS, Ellen Browne represented some of the best qualities of citizenship and humanity through her work in healthcare advocating for issues concerning older adults and aging and as a volunteer in the community. When she died on April 22, 2017 she left behind family, countless friends and a community enriched for having known her;

WHEREAS, Ellen Browne was a tireless member, supporter and leader of the League of Women Voters of Evanston; she served as a board member for most of the past decade. She twice served as chair or co-chair of the Education Fund Dinner and was active in putting together the League’s publication *The Intercom* as well as serving on the Nominating Committee; and

WHEREAS in her professional life, Ellen was a leader and pathfinder in designing and delivering health care and related services for older adults. She served for fifteen years as Vice President of Aging for the Lutheran General Health System. Post-retirement, Ellen took on a host of community volunteer and leadership roles, serving as board president of SASI-Services for Adults Staying in Their Homes-and North Shore Village and serving as a volunteer cuddler at the Cradle, an adoption agency in Evanston; and

WHEREAS, the community has lost a great friend in Elle Browne. She will also be sorely missed by her friends, neighbors and colleagues. Her loss will be felt most acutely by her husband of nearly 47 years, William Browne; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the extraordinary life of Ellen Browne and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Ellen Browne.