



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**Consent Agenda**

**Thursday, July 16, 2026, 11:00 AM**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**2026 UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND NATIONAL WALK FOR EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, in 1943, Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute suggested to the presidents of other private black colleges that they pool their monies and make a united appeal to the national conscience; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 25, 1944, the United Negro College Fund (“UNCF”) was incorporated with 27 member colleges as a not-for-profit entity established to assist its member institutions of higher education to raise funds from the public for their mutual support; and

**WHEREAS**, the importance of UNCF, and the historically Black colleges and universities it supports, promotes the value of higher education as well as the traditional values of family and heritage that have made this nation great; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past seven decades UNCF has grown to become the nation’s oldest and most successful African American higher education assistance organization in the country by having raised more than \$6 billion and having helped more than 550,000 students not just attend college, but thrive, graduate, and become leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, each year UNCF awards more than 11,000 student scholarships and building institutional endowments worth more than \$6 billion to support 37 member institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, each year UNCF raises funds through various campaigns, initiatives and events including an annual Walk for Education in various cities of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual UNCF Chicago Walk for Education is being held on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has proudly supported UNCF’s efforts for more than 31 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle is an honorary chair for the 2026 UNCF Chicago Walk for Education.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and express Cook County’s support for the 2026 UNCF Chicago Walk for Education and commitment to provide assistance and resources to ensure its success; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that under the leadership of the Bureau of Administration, various Cook County departments and agencies will collaborate with UNCF to plan, coordinate and otherwise support the 2026 UNCF Chicago Walk for Education; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Bureau of Administration shall be further authorized to utilize County resources, as necessary, to promote, plan and otherwise support the 2026 UNCF Chicago Walk for Education; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby acknowledge and commend the UNCF for its continued positive impact throughout the United States and express the County's sincere appreciation and gratitude for selecting President Preckwinkle as the honorary chair of the 2026 UNCF Chicago Walk for Education; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to UNCF in expressing Cook County's well wishes for a successful 2026 UNCF Walk for Education.

[26-1817](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **COOK COUNTY HONORED WITH 115 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County was honored with 115 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo), the highest number of awards the County has ever received; and

**WHEREAS**, the NACo awards honor innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the recognition of so many essential programs and initiatives led by Cook County is a source of pride for the President and Board of Commissioners and provides Cook County employees with well-deserved recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, this level of excellence in innovation and execution is attained through the ingenuity and hard work of the Cook County employees who have launched these critical programs for County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Offices Under the President received 75 awards:

Office of the President (5): "Digital Inclusion Week 2025 (DIW2025)"; "The Cook County Policy Roadmap 2025 Progress Report"; "Cook County Property Tax Reform Working Group: Property Tax Incentives Study"; "Racial Equity Week in Action: Honoring the Past, Shaping the Future"

and "Tech Tip of the Week".

Bureau of Administration (19): "Cook County Emergency Management and Regional Security Preparedness Fair"; "Budget Documentation Process"; "Building Infrastructure for Countywide Innovation"; "Co-developing an Environmental Justice Policy Framework with a Community Advisory Committee"; "Cook County District Overview"; "Countywide Vehicle Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL)/GPS Compliance and Exemption Process"; "Innovation Process Design"; "Integrated Initiative Management Dashboard for County Leadership"; "Phased Approach to Countywide Performance Management Reporting"; "Take Home Vehicle Management Process"; "Businesses Reducing Impact on the Environment (BRITE) Grant Program"; "RainReady Green Infrastructure"; "ANDE Rapid DNA Program"; "Innovation Community of Practice"; "Shakman Covered Process Improvements"; "Shakman Exempt Process Improvements"; "'Paper the Steps' - Internal Job Aids Initiative"; "Cook County Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (HIRA)" and "Cook County Bike Routes and Trails Map".

Bureau of Finance (17): "Equitable Contracting Goal Setting"; "Equitable Contracting Transparency System Improvement"; "Vendor Complaint Resolution Process"; "Bureau of Finance Enterprise Information and Collaboration Hub"; "Cook County Contract Management Effectiveness and Resource Portal"; "Cook County Legislative Coordination and Board Tracking System"; "Department of Budget Management Services Internal Ticket System"; "Employee Benefits Inquiry Management and Service Improvement"; "Employee Travel Reimbursement Modernization Workflow"; "Legistar Request Tracking and Workflow System"; "Procurement Process Stability and Submission Quality Improvement"; "Vacancy Count Dashboard"; "Cook County Procurement Evaluation and Tracking System"; "Solicitation Process Improvement and Automation"; "Unified Cook County Federal Administration Impact Response"; "Cook County Retirement Education and Enrollment Mobilization Campaign" and "Employee No Cost Mental Health Counseling".

Bureau of Asset Management (13): "Build Up Cook Collaborative Vendor Fair"; "Increasing Contract Opportunities for Small Business in Facilities Management"; "Change Management for Asset Management System Implementation"; "Tenant Satisfaction Survey"; "Cook County Green Building Standards 2.0"; "Cook County Recycling Program"; "Harvey Regional Water Supply Emergency Response - Build Up Cook"; "Markham Courthouse Rooftop Solar Project"; "Park Forest Regional Fire Training Site - Build Up Cook"; "Build Up Cook 2025 Grant Guide"; "Artificial Intelligence (AI) Lease Abstraction"; "Building Safety Training Module" and "Increasing Employment Opportunities for Janitor II Positions".

Bureau of Economic Development (10): "Cook County Arts - Creative Placemaking Program"; "2024 Source Impact Assessment"; "Cook County Leak Repair"; "Cook County Solar Synergy"; "Down Payment Assistance Program"; "Good Job Standards"; "Modular Homes Pilot Program"; "Road Home: Work Opportunities for Justice-Involved Job Seekers"; "Cook County Legal Aid for Housing and Debt - Eviction Early Resolution Program" and "Cross-Department Management Matters Series".

Bureau of Technology (7): "Open Data Portal Home Page and User Resources Redesign"; "Automation of Awarded Contract Data Publishing"; "Brownfields Public Viewer Application"; "Cook County AI Procurement Risk Assessment and Mitigation Application"; "Cook County

Generative Artificial Intelligence Risk Management Framework"; "Cook County's License Matching Dashboard for Improved Software Asset Management" and "Suburban Health Data Publication Initiative: Automated Birth and Mortality Data Modernization".

Human Rights and Ethics (2): "Improving User Accessibility and Department Transparency on Cook County Commission on Human Rights' Website Application Packet" and "Cook County Equity Landscape Review - Equity Fund Recommendation 6.3".

Bureau of Human Resources (1): "Vacation as a Talent Strategy: Advancing Workforce Competitiveness Through Paid Time Off Reform".

Justice Advisory Council (1): "Pretrial Programs that Change Lives: Supporting Education and Employment Development (SEED)".

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Health received 27 awards: "Content Strategy Project - Digital Marketing Growth"; "Fight the Bite West Nile Virus Prevention Campaign"; "Lead-Safe Cook County"; "The Essential Respiratory Dashboards"; "Regional Learning and Action Network"; "Automating EpiPen and Albuterol Standing Order Requests for Suburban Cook County Schools"; "Cook County Health ExpressCare"; "Cook County Good Food Purchasing Program: Food Waste Prevention, Diversion and Recovery Project"; "Cook County Good Food Purchasing Program: Scratch Cooking Project"; "Cook County Health Medicaid Working Group"; "Cook County Health Tele Stroke Network"; "Cook County Opioid Epidemiology Surveillance and Rapid Response System"; "CountyCare in the Community - Redetermination Events, Health Fairs, Baby Showers and Member Stories"; "Crisis Care System Assessment"; "Developing a Division Trauma Recovery and Injury Prevention (TRIP)"; "Get Naloxone Community Box Program"; "Optimizing Workforce While Protecting Patient Safety: A Virtual Observation Model for County Health Systems"; "Providing Quality, Preventive and Equitable Health Care for Cook County Residents with Medicaid"; "The Cook County Maternal and Child Health Collaborative: Integrated Surveillance, Policy and Care Initiative"; "Total Health Talks"; "Cook County Health Camera System Modernization and Command Center Initiative"; "Community Health Worker (CHW) High School Pipeline Program"; "CHW Learning Collaborative"; "Cook County Behavioral Health Apprenticeship and Retention Hub" and "Creative Culture and Wellness Initiative".

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Assessor's Office received five awards: "Targeted Campaign to Reach Homeowners Experiencing a Property Tax Spike"; "Kiosks and Callbacks: Using Better Technology for More Efficient, Informed Public Service"; "New IT Helpdesk Centralizing Standardized Technical Support Services"; "Internship Program Builds a Talent Pipeline" and "Leading with Digital Data Integrity".

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Land Bank Authority received five awards: "Cook County Land Bank Authority 'Working with the Land Bank' Seminar Series"; "Home Sweet Homan"; "Modular Housing Program"; "10 Year Impact Report" and "Tolemi - An Improvement to Internal Efficiency and External Transparency in Community Development".

**WHEREAS**, the Clerk of the Court received one award: "e-Citation".

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Clerk's Office received one award: "Defenders of DA'mocracy High School Voting Program".

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves of Cook County received one award: "Seed Amplification Program".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend hearty congratulations to the Cook County employees who have worked so diligently to ensure the success of the 115 programs recognized by the NACo Achievement Awards. More information about the awards can be found on the NACo website ([www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org)).

[26-1877](#)

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CONSTANCE "CONNIE" MURPHY, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS** Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Constance Murphy from our midst, and

**WHEREAS** Connie Murphy was the cherished wife of Larry Doody for 34 years, and

**WHEREAS** Connie Murphy was the loving momma of Riley Doody, and

**WHEREAS** Connie Murphy was the adored sister of Morgan F. Murphy III and Michelle (Dan Herbert) Murphy, and

**WHEREAS** Connie Murphy was the dear sister-in-law of the late Honorable Lisa Ruble Murphy, the Honorable Elizabeth "Liz" (Gerry) Gorman, Daniel Doody, and Debbie (Dennis) Furlong, and

**WHEREAS** Connie Murphy was the rockstar aunt to Morgan (Kristen Koonce) Murphy IV, Brendan Murphy, Connor Gorman, Liam Gorman, Shane Gorman, Brendan Furlong, Matthew Furlong, Denny Furlong, Brienne Rogus and Brendan (Caroline) Herbert and much-loved great aunt to Nora Murphy, and

**WHEREAS** Connie Murphy was the beloved daughter of the late Morgan F. Murphy, Jr. and Charlene Diane nee Jurgensen, and

**WHEREAS** Connie Murphy was the cherished daughter-in-law of Carolyn and the late Lawrence Doody, and

**WHEREAS** Connie Murphy had a lifelong career at Mercy Hospital and Medical Center. She began working on grants and culminating in her position of Vice President of Marketing, Public Relations and the Mercy Foundation, and

**WHEREAS** all who knew her will attest that Connie Murphy 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 extend its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Connie Murphy 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 an official copy of same be presented to the family of Connie Murphy that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[26-1801](#)

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **COMMEMORATING THE 250th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**WHEREAS**, 7/4/2026, marks the 250th Anniversary, or Semiquincentennial, of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia in 1776, signifying the founding of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Declaration of Independence proclaimed timeless principles of profound significance to the national heritage of the United States, including that all are created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights, including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed; and

**WHEREAS**, the founding of the United States established the principle of federalism, emphasizing a decentralized system of government wherein powers are divided between national, state and local governments, fostering liberty, accountability and responsiveness to communities; and

**WHEREAS**, this decentralized governance model has allowed for innovation, diverse policy approaches and stronger accountability to citizens, ensuring that government remains close to and reflective of the people it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, the founding of the United States initiated a journey toward forming a more perfect Union, marked by historic achievements, struggles and progress in realizing the Nation's founding ideals for all its

citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the history of the United States, members of the Armed Forces have defended the freedoms and democratic principles established by the Nation's founders, and the sacrifices of servicemembers, veterans and military families have preserved the liberties celebrated on Independence Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois has played a significant role in the history of the United States as the Land of Lincoln, contributing to the Nation's development through leadership, industry, agriculture, transportation, military service and civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County, as the most populous county in the State of Illinois and home to a diverse population representing communities from across the Nation and the world, has contributed significantly to the economic, cultural, civic and democratic development of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Semiquincentennial offers a unique opportunity for the residents of Cook County to reflect upon our shared history, honor the diverse contributions of all Americans, celebrate our heritage of liberty and look forward to the future we strive to create for subsequent generations; and

**WHEREAS**, commemorative activities throughout Cook County will provide educational opportunities, foster civic engagement, encourage community participation and strengthen appreciation for the history, principles, and foundational ideals upon which both the Nation and our local communities were built; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America on July 4, 2026; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners encourages all residents, communities, educational institutions, civic organizations, businesses and governmental entities throughout Cook County to participate in commemorative events and activities that reflect on our history, celebrate our achievements, and reaffirm our commitment to the ideals of liberty, equality, self-government and civic responsibility; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners encourages educational institutions throughout Cook County to promote civics education and public understanding of American history, ensuring that future generations appreciate the importance of active civic participation, democratic institutions and the enduring principles upon which the United States was founded.

[26-1934](#)

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****HONORING THE ST. JOSEPH'S CLUB**

**WHEREAS**, St. Joseph Club, located at 2720 South Union Avenue in Chicago, will celebrate a milestone in August, 100 years as a neighborhood landmark; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Joseph Club originally began under the name "San Giuseppe Society" on August 13, 1926; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Joseph Club was formed to provide a social forum for Italian immigrants living in the Catholic parishes of All Saints Church and St. Anthony of Padua Church; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Joseph Club was one of the first Italian American clubs in Chicago to own its own property; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Joseph Club was originally located at 608 West 26th Street until 1989 when it moved to its current property; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Joseph Club continues the "San Giuseppe Society" traditions started over 8 decades ago including the Italian traditions of the St. Joseph Table and a day dedicated to their Patron Saint, Joseph; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Joseph Club also continues their annual tradition of a Mass and procession through the Bridgeport neighborhood in honor of St. Joseph; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Joseph Club members donate their time and money to community outreach, awarding scholarships and supporting the community and surrounding parishes; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its warmest wishes and congratulations to St. Joseph Club, in Chicago on their 100th Anniversary; 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 the St. Joseph Club to commemorate this joyous occasion.

[26-1883](#)

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**MARVIN ALLAN BRUSTIN, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS** Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Marvin Allan Brustin from our midst, and

**WHEREAS** Marvin Allan Brustin was the beloved husband of Allison, and

**WHEREAS** Marvin Allan Brustin was the loving father of Stacy (Jeff), Nick (Linda) and Josh, and

**WHEREAS** Marvin Allan Brustin was the loving grandfather of Ben (Luz), Nick (Kat), Julia, Susie, Grace, Silvie and Sarah, and

**WHEREAS** Marvin Allan Brustin was the devoted brother of his sister, Shelly Gutstadt and nephews Chuck and Ken Gutstadt, and

**WHEREAS** Marvin Allan Brustin was the first member of his family to go to college and went on to become a well-respected trial attorney in Chicago, known for his tenacity, determination and ability to sway a jury to get justice for his clients, and

**WHEREAS** Marvin Allan Brustin had the honor of serving as the Honorary Consul General of Nepal, a position that allowed him to foster cross-cultural ties and deepen his connection to the people and land he loved, and

**WHEREAS** Marvin Allan Brustin spent time on his farm in Michigan City, Indiana, planting vegetables, walking the property with his devoted Big Dog and enjoying time with his neighbors and family, and

**WHEREAS** Marvin Allan Brustin leaves behind a legacy defined by his commitment to family and community, and

**WHEREAS** all who knew him will attest that Marvin Allan Brustin 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 Marvin Allan Brustin and joins them in sorrow, 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 Marvin Allan Brustin that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[26-1938](#)

**Sponsored by:** BILL LOWRY and TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOTHER KHADIJAH FARRAKHAN**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, called Mother Khadijah Farrakhan from labor to eternal rest on June 27, 2026, at the venerable age of ninety (90) years, bringing to a close a remarkable life distinguished by unwavering faith, steadfast devotion, extraordinary perseverance, and selfless service; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Khadijah Farrakhan was born Betsy Ross on November 26, 1935, in Boston, Massachusetts. On September 12, 1953, she married Louis Eugene Walcott, later known to the world as the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan. Mother Khadijah later embraced Islam alongside her husband in 1955, adopting the name Khadijah, and throughout more than seven decades exemplified the virtues of humility, discipline, dignity, compassion, and unwavering spiritual conviction. Their seventy-two-year union became a profound testament to enduring love, fidelity, sacrifice, and shared purpose, inspiring generations through its extraordinary longevity and resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, many revered as the "First Lady of the Nation of Islam" and affectionately known as "Mother Khadijah," she occupied a position of profound respect within one of America's most influential religious organizations. Her quiet strength, moral clarity, and steadfast counsel provided a stabilizing presence that helped sustain the Nation of Islam through decades of growth, challenge, and transformation; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond her public recognition, Mother Khadijah Farrakhan rendered indispensable service to the Nation of Islam through administrative leadership, organizational stewardship, and financial management, serving as one of the first secretary-treasurers following the organization's reorganization in 1977. Mother Khadijah's diligence and meticulous dedication helped strengthen the institutional foundation upon which countless programs flourished; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Khadijah Farrakhan was an accomplished seamstress, designer, and entrepreneur, who elevated standards of excellence through her craftsmanship by designing distinctive garments and uniforms reflected discipline, dignity, cultural pride, and feminine elegance. Her artistic talents became enduring symbols of identity and excellence within the Nation of Islam and were celebrated throughout the United States and abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Khadijah graciously expressed lifelong commitment to women, children, and families through her leadership of educational initiatives, mentorship of women, participation in charitable endeavors, support of youth development programs, and unwavering advocacy for strong families grounded in faith, responsibility, and service. Her influence extended far beyond organizational boundaries and touched countless lives through acts of generosity performed with humility rather than public acclaim; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Khadijah Farrakhan addressed the historic Million Woman March in Philadelphia in 1997, encouraging women to embrace purpose, responsibility, faith, and community empowerment while inspiring future generations to recognize the immeasurable value of disciplined leadership and collective progress; and

**WHEREAS**, As the devoted mother of nine children, grandmother, great-grandmother, mentor, counselor, and spiritual matriarch, Mother Khadijah nurtured not only her own family but also served as a maternal figure to countless individuals who regarded her wisdom, compassion, and quiet fortitude as a source of encouragement and hope; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her lifetime, Mother Khadijah Farrakhan demonstrated extraordinary resilience in the face of personal loss and adversity, meeting every challenge with unwavering faith, remarkable grace, and an abiding commitment to serving God, her family, and her community. Her life embodied the enduring principles of sacrifice, humility, perseverance, and unconditional love; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Khadijah's passing occasioned profound sorrow among her beloved family, members of the Nation of Islam, friends, admirers, and countless individuals whose lives were enriched by her example of quiet leadership, steadfast devotion, and compassionate service. Nevertheless, her enduring legacy shall continue to inspire future generations to pursue lives characterized by integrity, faith, service, and moral excellence; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF THE 3rd DISTRICT, AND TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, together with the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby honor the extraordinary life, enduring legacy, and immeasurable contributions of **Mother Khadijah Farrakhan**, extend our deepest condolences to the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the entire Farrakhan family, as well as to the members of the Nation of Islam and all who mourn her passing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Mother Khadijah Farrakhan's lifelong example of faith, steadfast

devotion, compassion, dignity, family leadership, and selfless service shall remain an enduring source of inspiration to the residents of Cook County and to all who strive to strengthen their communities through lives dedicated to principle, sacrifice, and humanity; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the Farrakhan family as a lasting expression of the profound respect, admiration, and heartfelt sympathy of the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. . Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd. District.

[26-1992](#)

**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING LEWIS BOND ON BEING SELECTED IN THE 2026 NFL DRAFT BY THE HOUSTON TEXANS**

**WHEREAS**, Lewis Bond, a proud Chicago native, began his football journey with the Blue Island Untouchables, where he played youth football from pee-wee through junior high, developing a lifelong love for the game and laying the foundation for his future success; and

**WHEREAS**, Lewis attended St. Laurence High School in Burbank, Illinois, where he distinguished himself as a standout receiver and safety on the freshman football team before earning a varsity role as a sophomore; and

**WHEREAS**, for his final two years of high school, Lewis attended Kenwood Academy in Chicago, Illinois, where he became a dynamic all-purpose offensive weapon, primarily lining up at running back, accumulating more than 1,000 all-purpose yards and 10 touchdowns as a junior, helping lead Kenwood Academy to a conference championship in 2019 and an appearance in the Illinois state playoffs; and

**WHEREAS**, Lewis' senior football season was postponed until the spring of 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but he was unable to participate as he enrolled early in college to begin preparing for the next chapter of his academic and athletic career; and

**WHEREAS**, Lewis represented the strength of Illinois high school football, earning recognition as a highly regarded recruit and receiving scholarship opportunities from prestigious academic and athletic institutions including Boston College, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Harvard, Princeton, and Dartmouth; and

**WHEREAS**, following graduation, Lewis committed to Boston College in 2021, beginning a collegiate career marked by hard work, perseverance, leadership, and steady growth as a student-athlete; and

**WHEREAS**, after utilizing a redshirt season and developing within the program, Lewis became a dependable playmaker for the Boston College Eagles, recording 52 receptions for 646 yards and seven

touchdowns during the 2023 season; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 2024 season, Lewis continued to excel, totaling 67 receptions for 689 yards and three touchdowns while earning Honorable Mention All-Atlantic Coast Conference recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, in his final collegiate season in 2025, Lewis served as a team captain and delivered a historic campaign, recording 88 receptions for 993 yards, earning Second Team All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors, and becoming Boston College's all-time leader in receptions, cementing his place among the institution's football greats; and

**WHEREAS**, Lewis balanced excellence on the field with achievement in the classroom, graduating from Boston College with a degree in Marketing while also pursuing a master's degree in Sports Administration, demonstrating his commitment to leadership and success beyond football; and

**WHEREAS**, Lewis' achievements exemplify dedication, resilience, discipline, and excellence, serving as an inspiration to young athletes throughout Cook County and the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 25, 2026, Lewis Bond was selected by the Houston Texans in the sixth round of the 2026 NFL Draft with the 204th overall pick, achieving the dream of playing professional football while proudly carrying his Chicago and Illinois roots to the national stage; and

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body wishes to honor Lewis Bond and congratulate him on reaching the pinnacle of his sport;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate and honor Lewis Bond on being selected by the Houston Texans in the 2026 NFL Draft and commend him for representing Cook County and the State of Illinois with excellence, determination, and pride; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Lewis Bond as an expression of this Honorable Body's admiration, respect, and best wishes for continued success throughout his professional football career.

[26-1990](#)

**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING WILL PAULING ON SIGNING WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**

**WHEREAS**, Will Pauling, from Chicago, attended Homewood-Flossmoor High School, where he became a star receiver for their football team; and

**WHEREAS**, Will had a breakout junior season where he hauled in 50 receptions for 951 yards and 11 touchdowns; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduation in 2021, Will committed to the University of Cincinnati as one of the top wide receiver recruits from Illinois where he played from 2021-2023 including as a freshman redshirt; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a part of a team competing in an unprecedented season as the Bearcats played Alabama in the National Championship semi-final Cotton Bowl on New Year's Eve. Cincinnati was the first Group of Five team to qualify for the College Football Playoff since the current system was put in place in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, for the 2023 season, Will entered the transfer portal and played for the University of Wisconsin Badgers where he became a key slot receiver, where he led the team recording 74 catches for 837 yards and 6 touchdowns in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Will led the Big Ten and ranked third in the country with 27 third-down catches, which was also the most for a Big Ten player since 2009 and finished tied for the national lead with 22 third-down-converting catches; and

**WHEREAS**, for the 2024 season with the Badgers, Will Recorded 407 yards on 42 receptions and three touchdowns and posted a game-high 83 yards and a touchdown on nine catches against Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, in his final season of eligibility, Will transferred to Notre Dame for his final season, where he was voted a team captain in 2025, acting as a reliable target with 26 receptions for 381 yards and led the Fighting Irish with 6 touchdowns in 12 games; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 26, 2026, Will was signed by the San Francisco 49ers as an undrafted free agent and is expected to compete for a spot as a slot receiver, bringing speed and special teams potential to the 49ers' roster; and

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body wishes to honor Will Pauling and congratulate him on reaching the pinnacle of his sport;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulates and honors Will Pauling on signing with the San Francisco 49ers and wishes him luck as he embarks on his professional career in the NFL; 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 Will Pauling as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

[26-1961](#)

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **RECOGNIZING AUGUST AS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, communities across the country use the month each year to raise awareness about the important role vaccines play in preventing serious, sometimes deadly, diseases across a lifespan, and NIAM is now more important than ever with the emergence of diseases such as COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, immunization isn't just for kids; to stay protected against serious illnesses like the flu, measles, and pneumonia, adults also need to get vaccinated; and

**WHEREAS**, National Immunization Awareness Month is a great time to promote vaccines and remind family, friends, and coworkers to stay up to date on their shots; and

**WHEREAS**, measles and whooping cough are just several vaccine-preventable diseases that threaten Americans, outbreaks continue to occur, and many vaccine-preventable diseases remain common; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to saving lives, vaccines provide major cost savings by preventing serious infectious diseases, and prevent us from spending large amounts of money on treating them; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), for every \$1 spent on childhood vaccinations, our country saves \$10.90, and routine childhood vaccines given to children born between 1994-2023 will have prevented approximately 508 million cases of illness, 32 million hospitalizations, and 1,129,000 deaths, resulting in direct savings of \$540 billion and societal savings of \$2.7 trillion; and

**WHEREAS**, as the operator of one of the largest Public Health Systems in the country, Cook County

Government and our health system share a large portion of the economic burden of treating preventable diseases, and vaccines are among the most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, vaccines have greatly reduced infectious diseases that once routinely caused severe illness and death. According to the CDC, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic approximately 50,000 adults died every year from vaccine-preventable illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, vaccines are safe, effective and the best protection against these diseases, from infancy to early adulthood and into old age, and by getting vaccinated, we not only protect ourselves, we help stop the spread of disease to our children, families and communities; however, for vaccines to be most effective, vaccination rates must remain high; and

**WHEREAS**, unfortunately, continuing disease outbreaks across the U.S. remain a public health concern, and lack of access to vaccines, combined with people who are not taking full advantage of opportunities to protect themselves, their families, and their communities, leaves people susceptible to preventable diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, two decades ago, measles was declared eliminated in the U.S., yet we have seen more and more cases of measles outbreaks throughout the county including in Chicago and Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the explanation for measles' return is simply that fewer Americans are receiving vaccines; Since the turn of the century, the share of American children under the age of 2 who go unvaccinated has quadrupled, and a growing number of American parents are refusing vaccines and as a result we are welcoming back a disease that decades ago killed hundreds of people a year and hospitalized close to 50,000; and

**WHEREAS**, part of the problem is a collective forgetting of the devastation caused by diseases such as smallpox and polio that extinguished many lives and disfigured bodies and so we must remain vigilant and continue to educate our residents on the importance of vaccination; and

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body wishes to promote and raise awareness of National Immunization Awareness Month in Cook County;

**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 National Immunization Awareness Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in conjunction with National Immunization Awareness Month, that the month of August 2026 be hereby declared Immunization Awareness Month in the County of Cook, and encourages everyone to remind their family, friends, and coworkers to stay up to date on their shots; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body in recognition of National Immunization Awareness Month.

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the month of July is National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, a month-long initiative to bring awareness to the unique mental health struggles of all racial and ethnic minorities and American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month was brought before Congress, to be formally recognized on June 2, 2008, in honor of Bebe Moore Campbell with the goal of bringing forth solutions to the unique mental health struggles of racial and ethnic minorities; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being, and affects how we think, feel, and act, and helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices; and

**WHEREAS**, racial and ethnic minority populations experience numerous mental health disparities including higher rates of attempted suicide in adolescents and lower treatment rates for mental disorders like depression in adults; and

**WHEREAS**, limited access to culturally and linguistically appropriate services; and stigma surrounding mental health care and social determinates of health are factors that can lead to poor mental health outcomes for racial and ethnic minority; and

**WHEREAS**, in Mental Health America's 2025 state ranking report, Illinois ranked 10th overall, which indicates lower prevalence of mental illness and higher rates of access to care compared to lower ranked states; and

**WHEREAS**, despite Illinois's overall ranking, many minority groups in Illinois have disproportionate differences in access to health care which affects their health-related quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, despite experiencing mental health issues at a similar rate to white Americans, among adults who report fair or poor mental health, minority groups are less likely to say they received mental health services in the past three years with Black adults (39%) and Hispanic adults (36%) compared to White adults (50%) based on the 2023 KFF Racism, Discrimination and Health Survey; and

**WHEREAS**, provider bias is a cause of mental health disparities among minorities, documented by the

American Psychological Association (APA) 2023 report highlights that only 18% of psychologists identify as racial or ethnic minorities, compared to over 40% of the U.S. population. Specifically, 6% identify as Black/African American, 8% as Hispanic/Latino, 4% as Asian, and less than 1% as Native American; and

**WHEREAS**, diverse psychologists bring unique perspectives, improving the understanding and treatment of clients from varied backgrounds, and help bridge gaps in mental health disparities among underserved populations, underscoring the importance of improving the access to quality education and financial resources for students to pursue a career in behavioral health; and

**WHEREAS**, although the mental health of individuals from different generations may be equally affected by racism and discrimination, they may face unique mental health challenges based on their age. Each age group also has their own unique wisdom to share when it comes to taking care of their own mental health and advocating for mental wellness in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County and Cook County Health is leading by example in behavioral health care with the establishment of the 211 Metro Chicago behavioral health helpline and the Stronger Together: Building a More Equitable Behavioral Health System in Cook County Initiative among other programming throughout the county; and

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body wishes to raise awareness to the issues presented herein by promoting National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month in Cook County;

**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 National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in conjunction with National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month that the month of July 2026 be hereby declared as National Minority Mental Health 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 in recognition of National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****RECOGNIZING NATIONAL UTERINE FIBROID AWARENESS MONTH IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the month of July is recognized as Uterine Fibroid Awareness Month, a crucial time to shed light on a health condition that affects millions of women across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation, more than 70% of US women will experience uterine fibroids, also called leiomyomas or myomas, by 50 years of age and they are the most common reason, aside from cancer, that women have their uterus removed through hysterectomy, but for Black women that rate is over 80%. Overall, uterine fibroids become more common, from age 30 to menopause, but Black women develop fibroids at a younger age, have more severe symptoms and develop higher rates of complications; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that 26,000,000 women between the ages of 15 and 50 have uterine fibroids, and 25-50% of women with uterine fibroids are symptomatic and more likely to experience heavy and prolonged bleeding, bleeding between menstrual cycles, chronic pelvic pain among other symptoms; and

**WHEREAS**, Black women deserve access to high-quality and equitable health care for all maternal health needs, including the treatment of uterine fibroids, and an increased focus on education and advocacy on fibroids prevention, symptoms, treatment, and care as well as adequate insurance coverage are necessary to improve this aspect of Black women's maternal health and fertility; and

**WHEREAS**, although fibroids are benign tumors, negative maternal health outcomes for Black women who experience them, including late detections of diagnoses, increased rates of surgery-related mortality, and increased rates of hysterectomies have persisted, in fact across the U.S., women of African ancestry are more likely to be offered hysterectomy as the only treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, Black women with fibroids of all socioeconomic statuses and education levels suffer from a lack of fibroids relief because of non-comprehensive and costly treatment plans, minimal insurance coverage for scans, and harmful, invasive removals; and

**WHEREAS**, Black women are diagnosed 3 times more than white women and at a younger age resulting in negative maternal health outcomes for Black women who experience them, including late detections of diagnoses, increased rates of surgery-related mortality, and increased rates of hysterectomies; and

**WHEREAS**, symptomatic uterine fibroids can cause reproductive problems, including infertility and women with uterine fibroids are much more likely to miscarry during early pregnancy than women without

them, 61% of women are unaware of treatment options for fibroids; and

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body wishes to raise awareness, education, and support, to empower individuals to seek timely medical advice and improve health outcomes related to uterine fibroids by promoting National Uterine Fibroid Awareness Month in Cook County;

**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 National Uterine Fibroid Awareness Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in conjunction with National Uterine Fibroid Awareness Month that the month of July 2026 be hereby declared as National Uterine Fibroid 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 in recognition of National Uterine Fibroid Awareness Month.