



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois
(Board Room Closed to Public - Meeting Virtual for Public)**

Consent Agenda

Thursday, January 26, 2023, 10:00 AM

Second Set

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Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), DENNIS DEER and ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**RECOGNIZING DR. LILY HUSSEIN ON RETIREMENT FROM COOK COUNTY HEALTH**

WHEREAS, Dr. Lily Hussein has worked as a physician for more than 50 years at John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County, proving compassionate cancer care to some of the area's most vulnerable patients; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hussein moved to Chicago in 1966, having been born in Mosul, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hussein graduated first in her class from the University of Baghdad College of Medicine in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hussein finished her medical internship in Connecticut and then completed her residency and oncology fellowship at Cook County Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hussein continued her service to the people of Cook County in 1971, joining the staff as an attending physician; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hussein has spent the last 50 years since ensuring that her patients have access to the best cancer care; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hussein is currently Cook County Health's longest serving physician; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hussein is a trailblazer. She was one of the first board certified oncologists at Cook County Hospital and has trained countless physicians since, ensuring excellence in future generations of cancer care teams; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hussein has countless grateful patients whose lives she has improved and whose lives have been extended thanks to her expert care; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hussein has always treated patients and their families with dignity and compassion while going above and beyond in an effort to bring them comfort and understanding when they most need it; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hussein has repeatedly said she treats her patients like her family; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Health, the Cook County Health Board of Directors and the thousands of

patients Dr. Hussein has treated are indebted to her for her exceptional clinical skills and her dedication to patient care; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate Dr. Lily Dr. Hussein on her retirement and gratefully acknowledge her remarkable career of service and dedication to the mission of Cook County Health and the residents of Cook County.

[23-1102](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PEGGY DEYNE RETIREMENT, HANOVER TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, Peggy Deyne has worked in the Hanover Township Assessor's office for over 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Peggy has recently decided to retire; and

WHEREAS, throughout her time at Hanover Township, Peggy has built up her own following of taxpayers that trust her and will only work with her, which is a testament to her skills and value as a public servant; and

WHEREAS, Hanover Township residents will miss Peggy at her position terribly; and

WHEREAS, constituents of Hanover Township depend on their Assessor's office and are grateful for their service and support; and,

WHEREAS, Peggy is looking forward to spending more time with her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, she is the loving wife to Ray; and

WHEREAS, Peggy is the mother to Raymond and Kris; and

WHEREAS, Peggy is grandmother to Brittany; and

WHEREAS, she is the great-grandmother to Adilynn; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Deyne also spends her time as a trustee on the Bartlett Public Library District; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its congratulations to Peggy Deyne on her retirement from the Hanover

Township Assessor's office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to Peggy Deyne as she enjoys every day of her retirement.

[23-1104](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ALICE EICHHORST, 100 YEAR BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Alice Eichhorst was born on January 13, 1923; and

WHEREAS, Alice recently celebrated her 100th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Alice Eichhorst was born in East Dundee; and

WHEREAS, she has lived in Elgin for nearly 80 years, including now at The Vines Senior Home in Elgin; and

WHEREAS, Alice worked at several local businesses over the years, including Ackemann's Department Store and the Elgin Watch Factory; and

WHEREAS, she now spends her time socializing with other residents at The Vines Senior Home, knitting, and crocheting; and

WHEREAS, Alice spent her 100th birthday surrounded by her many family members, friends, residents, and local leaders; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby join Alice Eichhorst in celebrating her 100th birthday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy be tendered to Alice Eichhorst.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RICHARD TOOLIS, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Richard Toolis from our midst, and

WHEREAS Richard Toolis was the beloved husband of Dolores (Rangel); and

WHEREAS Richard Toolis was the loving father of Ricky Toolis II and Brittany Toolis; and

WHEREAS Richard Toolis was the cherished brother of Cheryl (Chuck) Malnarick; and

WHEREAS Richard Toolis was the dearest uncle of Shannon Vargas, Margaret O' Toolis, and Sean O'Toolis; and

WHEREAS Richard Toolis was a fond friend of Danny Shine; and

WHEREAS Richard Toolis was preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Catherine Toolis (Patterson); and

WHEREAS Richard Toolis was a former Jail guard for Cook County; and

WHEREAS Richard Toolis was the past President of the Emerald Society; and

WHEREAS Richard Toolis was a loyal and dedicated retired Chicago Police Officer; and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that Richard Toolis, 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 Richard Toolis 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 Richard Toolis that his memory may be so

honored and ever cherished.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CANARYVILLE VETERANS ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS in 1993, the citizens of Chicago's Canaryville neighborhood, in recognition of the need for a community-centered organization to provide for the social and supportive requirements of local veterans, founded and established the Canaryville Veterans Association, and

WHEREAS the Canaryville Veterans Association is known for its great camaraderie, and welcoming environment where veterans of military service in all branches, and of all generations can gather in fellowship, and

WHEREAS the Canaryville Veterans Association has marked thirty years of service to the area's veterans, with a large and growing membership base of active and dedicated veterans, and

WHEREAS today the Canaryville Veterans Association is a thriving, vibrant organization, looked upon as a widely-respected community asset, and beneficiaries of its charitable support include many families in need throughout the community, and

WHEREAS the Canaryville Veterans Association is proud of its many friends and members who have served our country in the United States Armed Forces, with members having fought in World War I, World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan, and

WHEREAS the Canaryville Veterans Association has gathered on this day, February 18, 2023, at the Stadium Club at White Sox Park to celebrate the 30th Anniversary, where members and their families gathered to reflect on the accomplishments of the past and renew their commitment to serving veterans of all ages and backgrounds, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to all the members, past and present, of the Canaryville Veterans Association for 30 years of outstanding service to the community, and offers its best wishes for continued success, and

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

[23-1111](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING THE BEVERLY AREA PLANNING ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS in 1947, the Beverly Area Planning Association was formed in response to the need for a community-based organization in the Beverly Hills/Morgan Park neighborhood during post-war building and population expansion, and

WHEREAS the Beverly Area Planning Association is known for its services, events and programs focusing on community issues regarding safety, schools, business services, outreach, communication, and

WHEREAS the Beverly Area Planning Association promotes local shopping, networking between businesses, hosts workshops for small businesses and offers opportunities for partnership with special events in the community, and

WHEREAS the Beverly Area Planning Association is recognized as a thriving, vibrant organization with a welcoming environment, widely respected as a community asset, and

WHEREAS the Beverly Area Planning Association's events help to foster pride in the community it represents as displayed in their motto "Love where you live", and

WHEREAS, for 75 years, the Beverly Area Planning Association has successfully carried out its mission to help sustain, enhance, and promote the Beverly Hills/Morgan Park neighborhood and businesses as being culturally diverse, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to all the members, past and present, of the Beverly Area Planning Association for 75 years of outstanding service to the community, and offers its best wishes for continued success, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a ceremonial copy of same be presented to the Beverly Area Planning Association as a token of appreciation from a grateful community.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION**CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE ARCHBISHOP QUIGLEY COUNCIL #2428 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2023, the Archbishop Quigley Council #2428 of the Knights of Columbus will mark the centennial of its founding, and

WHEREAS, in 1923, the Archbishop Quigley Council #2428 of the Knights of Columbus began its service to parishioners of St. Barbara Church, and

WHEREAS, in its early days, the Archbishop Quigley Council #2428 of the Knights of Columbus has consistently embraced its mission of active and prayerful services, and

WHEREAS, the current membership includes a small, tight core that has found multiple ways to reach out to the community, and

WHEREAS, over the decades, the Archbishop Quigley Council #2428 of the Knights of Columbus has sponsored food, clothing drives, and special prayer services celebrating the family, and

WHEREAS, this past fall, Archbishop Quigley Council #2428 of the Knights of Columbus sponsored a parish movie night showing the film of Mother Teresa: No Greater Love, buying out a section of seats at the Webster Place Theater, and

WHEREAS, Archbishop Quigley Council #2428 of the Knights of Columbus sponsored the annual Keep Christ in Christmas Art Contest for sixty two students that participated, and

WHEREAS, Archbishop Quigley Council #2428 of the Knights of Columbus continues to be part of a brotherhood that embraces a prayerful life as active Catholic leaders in our community, and

WHEREAS, Archbishop Quigley Council #2428 of the Knights of Columbus will celebrate their centennial with a mass at St. Barbara Church worship site on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 5pm, the now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to all the members, past and present, of the Archbishop Quigley Council #2428 of the

Knights of Columbus, for 100 years of outstanding service to the community, and offers its best wishes for continued success, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a ceremonial copy of same be presented to the members of the Archbishop Quigley Council #2428 of the Knights of Columbus as a token of appreciation from a grateful community.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THERESA ANN HUGHES, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Theresa Ann Hughes (nee Gilmartin) from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Ann Hughes was the dearly beloved wife of the late Michael J. “Mickey” Hughes; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Ann Hughes was the loving mother of Michael (Susan) Hughes, Marilyn (Tom) Magdziasz, Theresa (Thomas) Hebda, Kathy Hughes (Ralph Sanchez), Karen (Mark) Muench, Ellen (Earl) Morrissey, Joe (Barbara) Hughes, and the late Geri, Daniel (late Maureen), Patrick and John Hughes; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Ann Hughes was the dearest grandmother of Michael Hughes, Carlyn (George) Wilmot, Daniel Hughes, Thomas (Ann) Magdziasz, Heather Hughes (Ken Dillenkoffer), Leanne (Michael) Costas, Samantha (Ron) Bossard, Matthew Muench, Earl (Meg) Morrissey, Mick Muench, Mark Muench, Megan Muench, Courtney Hughes, John Hughes, and Patrick Hughes; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Ann Hughes was the great-grandmother of Keri Ellen and Mary Kate Wilmot, Nicole and Amber Magdziasz, Haley Hughes, Jack Dillenkoffer, Maura and Conor Costas, and Henry Bossard ; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Ann Hughes was the loving daughter of James and Mary (Loftus) Gilmartin; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Ann Hughes was the dearest sister to James (late Julie), Beatrice (late Edward) Browne, John (late Margaret), Charles (late Genevieve), Dorothy (late Frank) Bodry, and George (late Patricia) Gilmartin; and her in-laws Jack, Geraldine, Gertrude, Dan (late Jean, and Stephen “Pat” Hughes; and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Theresa Ann Hughes 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; and

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 of Theresa Ann Hughes 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 the same be tendered to the family of Theresa Ann Hughes so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

MICHAEL J. CAHILL, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has called Michael J. Cahill from our midst; and

WHEREAS Michael J. Cahill was the beloved husband of Connie (nee Anderson); and

WHEREAS Michael J. Cahill was the loving father of Mike (ISP District-Chicago), Dawn, Brian (CPD 009), Bridget; and

WHEREAS Michael J. Cahill was the cherished Grandpa of Anderson; and

WHEREAS Michael J. Cahill was the fond brother-in-law of Mark and Marcia Anderson and Dan (Sharon) Firlit, uncle and great uncle to many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS Michael J. Cahill was a 38-year veteran of the Chicago Fire Department, a member of the Chicago Fire Fighters Union Local 2 since 1967, and was the First District Business Agent from 1987 through 2005; and

WHEREAS Michael J. Cahill was a proud member of the Brighton Park Alumni Association and the Gaelic Fire Brigade; and

WHEREAS Michael J. Cahill was a fan of the Chicago White Sox, Green Bay Packers, Notre Dame football, Duke basketball and Mount Carmel High School, and enjoyed attending his grandchildren's school and sporting events; and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that Michael J. Cahill 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 Michael J. Cahill 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 Michael J. Cahill that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[23-1119](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

SAM FRATTO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has called Sam Fratto from our midst; and

WHEREAS Sam Fratto was the beloved husband of Marilyn (nee Todd); and

WHEREAS Sam Fratto was the loving father of Matthew Fratto, Andrew Fratto, stepfather of Mark (Kelly) Todd, and the late Matthew Todd; and

WHEREAS Sam Fratto was the beloved son of the late Frank Fratto and Concetta "Connie" (Nee Pontillo); and

WHEREAS Sam Fratto was the fond son-in-law to Louis and Lucille Borchers; and

WHEREAS Sam Fratto was the cherished grandfather of Jessica Todd; and

WHEREAS Sam Fratto was the dear brother of Frank (Maryann) and Mary Fratto; and

WHEREAS Sam Fratto was the fond uncle, great-uncle and cousin to many and cherished brother-in-law

of the late Bonnie (Jim) Williams, and fond nephew of Josephine Pontillo; and

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

[23-1143](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF STATE SENATOR JAMES MEEKS AS SENIOR PASTOR OF SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, James Meeks founded Salem Baptist Church in 1985, and under his leadership, the church has been instrumental in improving the lives of Black Chicagoans for nearly four decades;

WHEREAS, State Senator James Meeks was elected to the Illinois State Senate in 2002 and served until 2013, and during his tenure, he also chaired the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus;

WHEREAS, in 2017, State Senator James Meeks was appointed the Chair of the Illinois State Board of Education, further demonstrating his dedication to public service and education;

WHEREAS, State Senator James Meeks will be greatly missed by his congregation of over 10,000 weekly congregants as well as his many colleagues in Illinois government;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners honors the retirement of State Senator James Meeks as Senior Pastor of Salem Baptist Church and expresses its appreciation for his leadership and service to the community.

[23-1153](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF LIN BREHMER

WHEREAS, Lin Brehmer was born August 1954 in New York and grew up in Queens, and;

WHEREAS, Lin Brehmer graduated from Colgate University in upstate New York where he met his wife Sarah. He began his radio career at WQBK-FM in Albany, before coming to Chicago in 1984 he became music director at WXRT, and;

WHEREAS, Lin Brehmer had hosted shows on WXRT since 1991, endearing himself to thousands of fans with his infectious enthusiasm, he ended each daily program: “Never take anything for granted, it’s great to be alive.” Lin Brehmer was a friend to so many Chicagoans, though they never met him, and;

WHEREAS, he was a tremendous fan of music, longtime Chicago Cubs fan, and enjoyed sailing, and;

WHEREAS, Lin Brehmer was a supporter of the ALS community, he was a spokesman for events and fundraisers for nearly three decades, and;

WHEREAS, Lin Brehmer had a great love for Chicago, the Metro, the Riviera, the Cubs, bands, and the South Side Irish Parade;

WHEREAS, Lin Brehmer, passed Sunday, January 22nd after a long battle with cancer, and;

WHEREAS, Lin Brehmer leaves behind his beloved wife, Sarah and their son, Wilson. He was loved by so many and will be greatly missed, but his legacy will live on forever. Chicago will miss their best friend.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and Residents of Cook County remember and honor the wonderful life of Lin Brehmer.

[23-1157](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

YWCA METROPOLITAN CHICAGO HOSTS SCREENING OF THE JANES WITH UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

WHEREAS, founded in 1876, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is a social enterprise committed to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. As a leading association among a national network of more than 200 YWCAs, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago impacts tens of thousands of women and families annually through comprehensive human services provided across the region; and

WHEREAS, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is a leader in the areas of sexual violence support, early childhood and childcare provider services, family support, youth STEM programming and economic empowerment. A commitment to racial justice, equity and inclusion is foundational to all YWCA programs and services; and

WHEREAS, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, located in the third-largest American city, serves as a national incubator for innovative programming, outreach and engagement strategies. YWCA Metropolitan Chicago works at both the individual and systems levels to create the truly inclusive marketplace necessary for a diverse and balanced economy. The organization is an active member of many national, state, county and city-level coalitions, advocating for policies that combat racism and positively affect women and families; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Washington's community activism has spanned for over 45 years in the Chicagoland Area including as the NO texting NO Bullying Campaign Chair, Co-Founded the KEL-LAW Foundation, Inc. - over 25 years of Community Services for the Youth, Human Relations Commissioner - Rainbow Push Coalition for 30 years, Co-Founded The KEL-LAW Foundation, Inc. - over 25 years of Community Services for the Youth, Advocate for Human Trafficking local and worldwide with many organizations; and

WHEREAS, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, located in the third-largest American city, serves as a national incubator for innovative programming, outreach and engagement strategies. YWCA Metropolitan Chicago works at both the individual and systems levels to create the truly inclusive marketplace necessary for a diverse and balanced economy.

WHEREAS, when HBO producers began interviewing members of The Janes, they may not have imagined that by the time the documentary was airing in homes, many Americans would have lost the right to make decisions about their own reproductive health. As the 50th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade approaches, there may be little observance of the milestone given that the decision has been overturned; and

WHEREAS, On Thursday, January 26, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago will host a screening of the documentary *The Janes* preceded by a panel discussion with Founders. In the pre-Roe v. Wade era -- a time when a pregnant woman could not work yet abortion was a crime in most states and even circulating information about abortion was a felony in Illinois -- the Janes provided low-cost and free abortions to an estimated 11,000 women; and

WHEREAS, using code names, fronts, and safe houses to protect themselves and their work, the accused had built an underground service for women seeking safe, affordable, illegal abortions. They called themselves "Jane."; and

WHEREAS, the Janes offers first-hand accounts from the women at the center of the group, many speaking on the record for the first time. "Reflecting on 50 years of progress and setbacks reminds us of why we are called to recognize the seen and unseen work of those who have advanced reproductive rights and have persevered, unafraid to speak out and challenge authority;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners is proud to spotlight the historic efforts of "the Janes", and echoes the words of Nicole Robinson, CEO, YWCA Metropolitan Chicago in saying "especially at this critical time in the movement for equity and justice," it is imperative to raise awareness for Women's Reproductive Rights. YWCA Metropolitan Chicago presents this event in partnership with Chicago Foundation for Women, University of Chicago's Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture, Doc Films, and supporter Julia Stasch; 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 YWCA Metropolitan Chicago as a symbol of our respect and esteem.