



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Consent Agenda**

**Thursday, May 12, 2022, 10:00 AM**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING WGN-RADIO / 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, WGN Radio first signed on the air, May 19, 1922, with call letters of WDAP, Mid-West Radio Central, Inc. in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Two young Chicagoan's and radio enthusiasts named Thorne Donnelley and Elliott Jenkins began WDAP as an experimental station and originated its first broadcast from the Wrigley Building; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1923 ownership was transferred to the Board of Trade. And in 1924 The Chicago Tribune purchased WDAP and on June 1st of the same year WDAP was renamed WGN, the call letters originated from "World's Greatest Newspaper" under the leadership of Colonel Robert McCormick, editor, and publisher of the Chicago Tribune; and

**WHEREAS**, Early programming included live music, political debates, comedy routines, along with some of radio's first sporting broadcast events, including the 1924 Indianapolis 500, and a live broadcast of the 1925 Scopes Trial from Daytona Tennessee the first broadcast of a regular season baseball game in 1925; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the years the station's programming became the voice of the Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox and Chicago Bears and is currently the flagship for the Chicago Blackhawks and Northwestern Wildcats football and men's basketball; and

**WHEREAS**, The station had its share of well-known personalities heard on the airwaves, such as Wally Phillips, Bob Collins, Roy Leonard, Pierre Andre, Quin Ryan, Milt Rosenberg, Franklyn MacCormack, Jack Brickhouse, Bob Sirott, Dean Richards, Johnathon Brandmeier, Roe Conn, and many others; and

**WHEREAS**, It is through these relationships that WGN has provided a platform for businesses in Chicago and beyond to deliver their messages to a loyal high value audience, resulting in success stories that have lasted for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, By 1941 WGN began operating an FM station, however with few people owning FM radio receivers in that era, management did not think WGNB would become profitable, so it was decided to take the FM station off the air and hand in the license in the early 1950's; and

**WHEREAS**, The Tribune Company applied to the Federal Communications Commission to build a television station. On April 5, 1948, WGN-TV Channel Signed on the air; and

**WHEREAS,** In the words of announcer Pierre Andre on the station's 40th anniversary celebration in 1962, "God bless to the hundreds of talented men and women who've made us what we are. And God bless to a faithful audience..."; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby honor and recognize WGN RADIO for their contributions and the viability of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to WGN Radio as a means of communicating our appreciation.

[22-3308](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING DR. RACHEL RUBIN AND DR. KIRAN JOSHI FOR THEIR PUBLIC SERVICE**

**WHERE AS;** the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) is the state-certified local public health agency to 125 incorporated municipalities in 30 townships, covering a 700 square mile area, with a large urban population of approximately 2.3 million residents; and

**WHERE AS;** In late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) emerged in China; and

**WHERE AS;** On Jan. 21, 2020, the CDC confirmed the first U.S. case of novel coronavirus (now commonly known as COVID-19 or COVID) in a Washington resident; and

**WHERE AS;** On Jan. 24, 2020, the Cook County, Chicago, and Illinois departments of public health announced they were jointly investigating the second U.S. case in Cook County, Ill.;

**WHERE AS;** On Jan. 30, 2020, the Cook County, Chicago, and Illinois departments of public health announced the third U.S. COVID case was the husband of the first Cook County case and also the first known case of human-to-human transmission in the U.S.; and

**WHERE AS;** On Jan. 31, 2020, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) declared a public health emergency on January 31, 2020, under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d), in response to COVID-19.

**WHERE AS;** In those first days and weeks of the COVID pandemic, Dr. Rachel Rubin and Dr. Kiran Joshi worked tirelessly around the clock, personally caring for and interviewing the first-known U.S. cases

of COVID-19, at a north suburban Cook County hospital, on behalf of CCDPH and Cook County Government, in partnership with local, state, and federal partners; and

**WHERE AS;** On Mar. 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and on Mar. 13, 2020, the U.S. president and Illinois governor declared national and state emergencies, respectively;

**WHERE AS;** Growing local, state, and national data began to show disparities in cases counts, and later, hospitalizations and deaths, between black and brown residents and their white counterparts, especially; particularly in the south and west suburbs of Cook County;

**WHERE AS;** In April 2020, CCDPH and Cook County Government declared they would be taking a health equity approach to the COVID response informed by CCDPH disease surveillance data and the Cook County Social Vulnerability Index; and

**WHERE AS;** On April 23, 2020, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle announced Dr. Rachel Rubin and Dr. Kiran Joshi (both CCDPH Senior Medical Officers and Stroger Hospital attending physicians) as the new co-leads of Cook County Department of Public Health; and

**WHERE AS;** Dr. Rachel Rubin and Dr. Kiran Joshi, in collaboration with Cook County Government and Cook County Emergency Management and Response: helped provide respite housing for healthcare workers, first responders and correctional officers; alternative housing for recovering patients, healthcare professionals and first responders; and housing assistance for people who were homeless or otherwise housing insecure; and

**WHERE AS;** Dr. Rachel Rubin and Dr. Kiran Joshi oversaw a \$41 million COVID-19 Contact Tracing Initiative, rapidly expanding CCDPH's contract tracing capacity from 15 to 200 contact tracing staff commensurate with the numbers of cases in suburban Cook County; and

**WHEREAS;** Under Dr. Rachel Rubin's and Dr. Kiran Joshi's leadership, CCDPH awarded \$5.4M in funding for outreach and education; supportive services; and access to testing, vaccinations, boosters to 74 community-based organizations serving priority populations [e.g. racial and ethnic minorities, foreign-born individuals, people with limited English proficiency, undocumented immigrants, people living close to or below the federal poverty line, justice-involved individuals, disconnected youth, people experiencing homelessness, people with disabilities (including deaf and hard of hearing), people who identify as LGBTQ, and older adults]; and

**WHERE AS;** Dr. Rachel Rubin and Dr. Kiran Joshi helped to ensure all stakeholders received timely, accurate, factual information in multiple languages from CCDPH and its partners to provide guidance and answers to frequently asked questions and address myths and misinformation using a variety of channels, including the media, internet, email, social media, print materials, and advertising campaigns, such as MaskUp Cook County, Spread Facts Not Flu, Answer the Call, Life Is Better Vaxxed and My Shot Cook County.

**WHERE AS;** Dr. Rachel Rubin and Dr. Kiran Joshi participated in all aspects of one of the largest mass vaccination programs in the country, including the selection of a preferred vendor to assist in the equitable distribution of vaccines and boosters free to all regardless of insurance or immigration status in suburban Cook County. This included a hyperlocal mass vaccination campaign to close gaps in vaccine uptake; mobile vaccination clinics; free rides to vaccination appointments; and

**WHERE AS;** Dr. Rachel Rubin and Dr. Kiran Joshi, following data, science and public health best practices and CDC guidance, in coordination with the Illinois Department of Public Health, State of Illinois, and Cook County Government, made important and difficult policy decisions (e.g., mitigation orders and mandates) within CCDPH's authority, in the interest of protecting the public's health;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize Dr. Rachel Rubin and Dr. Kiran Joshi for their heroic and consistent efforts to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19 for all suburban Cook County residents, especially the most vulnerable among us, who are most at-risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

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**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGREN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF KATHY MOORE**

**WHEREAS,** former kindergarten teacher and former State Representative Kathy Moore is being honored as the 2022 Compassion in Action Awardee by Lincoln Park Community Services at their annual Metamorphosis event; and

**WHEREAS,** Kathy grew up in the Beverly neighborhood of the south side of Chicago, the third of four children. She attended St. Barnabas grade school and Mother McAuley High School. She subsequently attended St. Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana where she met her husband, Tom Moore, a student at Notre Dame. They married shortly after her graduation and have three children, Carey, Brendan, and Molly; and

**WHEREAS,** Kathy has lived in the Lincoln Park community for more than 50 years and has provided exceptional service to her fellow residents of Lincoln Park; and

**WHEREAS,** Kathy spent 30 years teaching Kindergarten-Primary grades in Chicago. Her interest in teaching and mentoring extended beyond the classroom. She has taken in homeless DePaul students and befriended and mentored countless other young people who needed a friend; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010 after retiring as a teacher, Kathy was appointed to the Illinois House of Representatives by the 11th Legislative District Democratic Committee. Moore served from December 29, 2010 through January 11, 2011. During her short time in the Illinois House of Representative, she took two important votes: one to end the death penalty in Illinois, the second to increase Illinois' income tax allowing the State to begin to address its structural fiscal deficit; and

**WHEREAS**, Kathy and Tom became active parishioners of St. Clement Church. As part of this involvement, Kathy went on a mission to El Salvador. When parishioners from St. Clement worked with other neighborhood churches in 1985 to start the Lincoln Park Community Shelter, she eagerly joined the work. Her volunteer work for the shelter has included getting up from time to time at the crack of dawn to cook breakfast, organizing groups of people to cook dinner, creating bag lunches for participants, and periodically staying overnight. She also makes lunches for the Friday morning people experiencing homelessness who gather in front of Saint Clements. Her husband observes that since she retired, she is a one-woman social service agency both by joining other activists in the community and by her personal efforts on behalf of friends. For example, there are at least three ladies with serious medical problems that she regularly takes to their doctor appointments; and

**WHEREAS**, Kathy became involved in One Northside, a community organization working for social justice, working on Affordable Housing issues in the community. A small Lincoln Park group still advocates for Affordable Housing in Lincoln Park; and

**WHEREAS**, lately, she has become active with the Justice Ministry at St. Clement working on Refugee re-settlement work through the Archdiocese of Chicago, and with the Creation Care Ministry, which works on promoting the principles of Environmental justice and sustainability, both locally and globally. In addition to helping two different Afghan families get settled, she was instrumental in getting one of the family's breadwinner a good job; and

**WHEREAS**, Kathy is a dedicated super thoughtful grandma to Emmett, Tommy, Annie, Maisie, Adeline, Margaret and Will. According to her husband, she is also an amazing caring giving wife to him and mother to Carey Brendan and Molly. According to Kathy, none of what she has done would have been possible without the support, encouragement, and patience of the most important influence in her life, her husband Tom.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, congratulates Kathy Moore on the well-deserved award that she is receiving, honors the work and contributions of Kathy Moore, 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 same be tendered to Kathy Moore.

[22-3378](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LEGACY OF ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**WHEREAS**, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church was born out of Salem Baptist Church in 1922 and was organized and established out of the Odd Fellows Hall located on the corner of 33rd and State Street, under the leadership of Reverend E. H. Branch on February 24, 1925; and

**WHEREAS**, Antioch M.B. Church continued to grow, in order to accommodate the congregation, a larger church home was purchased and located at 5129 S. Indiana Avenue on May 2, 1928. Pastor E. H. Branch continued to serve as pastor until 1932; and

**WHEREAS**, On December 22, 1932, the church installed Reverend James Monroe Harvey. The membership of the church began to increase even more with the creation of various boards such as the Usher Board, First Aid Nurses Board, Christian Education and many more. In the years to come, Pastor Harvey became ill and was forced to retire. He later died in 1957, establishing the pulpit committee to search for a new pastor; and

**WHEREAS**, After much prayer and sifting through many possible candidates, Antioch members gathered and agreed that although many applied but, only one man was sent by God. That man-that preacher-that pastor was Reverend Dr. Wilbur Daniel. He accepted the call on April 1, 1957, and was installed as Antioch M.B. Church's 3rd pastor; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the leadership of Pastor Daniel, the congregation swelled in numbers and soon outgrew its current Indiana Avenue location. Again, the search for a larger facility began. Antioch entered into an agreement with Foster Park Baptist Church, to purchase what would be Antioch's new church home located at 415 W. Englewood Avenue on June 29, 1958;

**WHEREAS**, Antioch began to focus its sight on its community and organized the Antioch Foundation, a non-profit corporation, and created, the church's first housing project, with the development of Eden Green Complex located at 131st and Indiana on June 10, 1967; and

**WHEREAS**, Antioch continued the development of affordable housing adding to its portfolio of Antioch Haven Homes, Roseanna Burrell Homes, Wentworth Haven Homes, Rose Haven Manor, Paradise Haven Homes, and several other developments; and

**WHEREAS**, Antioch M.B. Church's congregation had reached to 4,500 plus members, making it a "mega church" before "mega church" was ever thought of or became household conversation; and

**WHEREAS**, On October 26, 1999, Pastor Daniel passed away after serving for 42 years faithfully; and

**WHEREAS**, Once again Antioch M.B. Church was in search of a Pastor to lead a massive congregation. After many meetings and a Godly intervention, Reverend Gerald Dew would become the fourth pastor of Antioch M.B. Church and was installed on January 6, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Antioch continued to move forward under the leadership of Pastor Dew. Under his leadership Antioch M.B. Church established the Annual Leaders Retreat, Intercessory Prayer, Joy Fest, a Praise Team Ministry, Website Media Ministry, and many, many more; and

**WHEREAS**, Antioch M.B. Church continues to develop quality affordable housing in the Englewood community for families, seniors and the physically challenged community; and

**WHEREAS**, Antioch M.B. Church was forced to close its doors and suspend in-person worship service for the first time in its history, due to Covid-19 pandemic from March 22, 2020, through April 4, 2021, and again on January 16, 2022 - March 6, 2022, due to the Omicron variant; and

**WHEREAS**, On April 15, 2022, Antioch M.B. Church was destroyed by fire and brought devastation to a historical structure located in the heart of the Englewood community. Its congregation, for the first in its history was left without a church home; and

**WHEREAS**, Like a phoenix, Antioch M.B. Church will rise again and be a beacon of light for the community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby proclaim it Antioch M.B. Church day in Cook County on May 13, 2022; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be rendered to Pastor Gerald Dew, and members of Antioch M.B. Church.

[22-3305](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING PEGGY A. MONTES: COMMUNITY LEADER, TEACHER, AND ADVOCATE FOR DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN**

**WHEREAS**, Peggy A. Montes was born on October 17, 1936 in Chicago, Illinois. Peggy graduated from DuSable High School in 1954; and

**WHEREAS** Peggy A. Montes attended Chicago State University and graduated in 1960. Peggy Montes



devoted over sixty years of her life giving back to her alma mater as Chairman and Trustee of the Board and one of the founders of the College of Pharmacy. Additionally, Peggy Montes dedicated the Peggy A. Montes Playground at the new Chicago State University Child Care Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Peggy A. Montes served her community as a teacher for many years. After her teaching career concluded, she led organizations and founded institutions that served her community; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1978, Peggy A. Montes began devoting her energy to philanthropic and volunteer work. She served as a chairperson on the Board of Trustees for the DuSable Museum of African American History Museum from 1989 to 1993. While in this role she oversaw the construction of the museum's Harold Washington wing. In 1993, Peggy founded and became the President of the Bronzeville Children's Museum, the first African American children's museum in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Peggy A. Montes made history as the first female Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Building Committee at the DuSable Museum of African American History. During her tenure, she led the development and completion of the \$3.5 million Harold Washington Wing. She now holds the position of Chairman Emerita; and

**WHEREAS**, Peggy A. Montes had an extensive career in politics, all across the political spectrum. President Bill Clinton appointed her to the White House Women's Conference, presided over by First Lady Hillary Clinton. Governors James Thompson, Jim Edgar, George Ryan, and Pat Quinn have given her appointments. Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has appointed her to serve on the Illinois Center for the Book. Chicago Mayor Harold Washington appointed her to head his first Chicago Commission on Women. The late Cook County Board President, John H. Stroger, Jr. selected her to head his first Cook County Commission on Women's Issues created in 1995.

**WHEREAS**, On March 16, 2010, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and members of the Commission on Women's Issues renamed the Unsung Heroine in Peggy A. Montes' honor as a way of recognizing her remarkable achievements on behalf of women and girls; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle reappointed her in 2016. to continue serving as Commissioner/Chairman for her twenty-third year. She was selected as a member of Illinois Governor Ryan's Trade Mission Delegation to South Africa and she and First Lady Laura Lynn led the delegation to explore cultural exchanges between Illinois and South Africa. She was selected as a participant in President's Barack Obama's White House Summit on Working Families in 2015. Additionally, Congressman Bobby Rush appointed her to co-chair the committee to name the 31st Street Margaret T. Burroughs Beach and Park, which successfully took place on August 11, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, , Peggy A. Montes has received numerous awards and honors over her lifetime, including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of African American Museums, Trustee Award from the DuSable Museum, Salute to Excellence Award from Governor George Ryan, Woman of Excellence Award from the Chicago Defender, the Mayor Harold Washington Legacy Lifetime Award and many more; and

**WHEREAS**, Peggy A. Montes is known as a community, educational, and women's rights activist. Peggy was passionate about being an advocate and made huge strides to make so many people's lives better; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd DISTRICT AND TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT of the COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, do hereby stand, and salute the life changing work of Peggy A. Montes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of; and Peggy A. Montes.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:** a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the **Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District**.

[22-3296](#)

**Sponsored by:** SEAN M. MORRISON, FRANK J. AGUILAR, LUIS ARROYO JR, JOHN P. DALEY, KEVIN B. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS:** In December 1921, Cook County Sheriff Charles W. Peters proposed that the sheriff's office create a police force responsible for patrolling the roadways and other areas of suburban Cook County; and

**WHEREAS:** in early January 1922, the hiring of 70 highway police deputies was approved by Cook County, and on April 1, 1922, the first 32 Cook County highway patrol officers were officially sworn in; and

**WHEREAS:** The first station, known as Station 1, was at Waukegan Road and Dempster Street until a permanent building was completed in 1924 in Maine Township; and

**WHEREAS:** The highway patrol deputies were eventually reorganized into a sheriff's police force whose responsibilities continued to grow throughout the 1940s and 1950s; and

**WHEREAS:** The name Cook County Sheriff's Police Department was adopted, and the colors of tan and brown were introduced for the new sheriff's police uniform; and

**WHEREAS:** Today's Sheriff's Police Department is the third-largest police department in Illinois, divided into five principal divisions: Field Operations, Criminal Investigations, Street Crimes, Communications

Operations, and Operational Support; and

**WHEREAS:** the Cook County Sheriff's Police provide primary police services to more than 126,000 residents in unincorporated Cook County, the Village of Ford Heights and back up police services to several suburbs that have significant budgetary constraints, as well as ancillary services to multiple suburbs, including a K9 unit to help locate missing individuals, crime scene technician services to help solve crimes, and the Community Safety Team, which provides proactive policing in areas of high violence; and

**WHEREAS:** The Sheriff's police have been on the cutting edge of law enforcement, implementing a Treatment Response Team, a Co-Responder Program, a Hostage Barricade Team, a Juvenile Justice and Advocacy Unit, as well as recently developed Carjacking and Chicago Initiatives; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, extends its sincere congratulations and gratitude to the Cook County Sheriff's Department for 100 years of Service and Protection; 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 Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart and the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department.

[22-3304](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING BISHOP JOHN GORMAN FOR HIS 70 YEARS AS A CATHOLIC PRIEST**

**WHEREAS,** John Robert Gorman was born on December 11, 1925, and is an American prelate of the Roman Catholic Church; and

**WHEREAS,** Bishop John Gorman was ordained a priest in 1952, when Harry S. Truman was president of the United States and Venerable Pius XII was pope; and

**WHEREAS,** he served as Assistant Pastor at St. Odilo in Berwyn, St. Andrew, and St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parishes in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS,** he began teaching at Quigley, and then Niles College Seminary, where he became chairman of the psychology department; and

**WHEREAS,** he served on the faculty of Loyola University Chicago's Institute of Pastoral Studies, teaching summer school at the University of Notre Dame; and

**WHEREAS**, his active ministry spanned five decades, the ministries of five popes, and included 14 years as the Pastor of St. Michael Parish in Orland Park, eight years as Rector/President of the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, and served as director of the Department of Parish/Pastoral Services; and

**WHEREAS**, as a Bishop, he served as Vicar for Vicariate I, which includes much of northwest suburban Cook County and Lake County, and Vicariate V, which takes in a large swath of the Southwest Side and the southwest suburbs; and

**WHEREAS**, Cardinal Bernadine summoned Bishop Gorman from St. Michael to lead the Archdiocese's department that handled services to parishes. While in that role, Pope John Paul II named him an Auxiliary Bishop; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Gorman turned 95 on December 11, 2020, and is now the oldest Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Chicago, having retired from active ministry in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, he celebrated that birthday with his fellow priests in the rectory at Our Lady of the Woods in Orland Park, opening hundreds of birthday cards sent there by parishioners; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Bishop John Gorman in recognition of his extensive contributions over 70 years as a Catholic priest, leading by example and challenging his peers to develop their abilities to be compassionate and understanding, being always present for people; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Bishop John Gorman as a means of communicating our deepest gratitude and well wishes.

[22-3332](#)

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE SNELL VFW POST 7186 AUXILIARY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, the William B. Snell VFW Post 7186 Women's Auxiliary was chartered on April 20, 1947 by the nation Veterans of Foreign Wars to support WWII veterans and their families. This followed the establishment of the William B. Snell Memorial VFW Post the previous year. They celebrate their 75th anniversary this year; and

**WHEREAS**, since its founding, Snell Post VFW Auxiliary members have continued to fulfill the mission of supporting the VFW, serving veterans and service members of all war eras and their families, and fostering patriotism throughout the community. Geri Sizemore has served as president of the Post for

fourteen years; and

**WHEREAS**, Auxiliary members have volunteered millions of hours, donated millions of dollars, and honored hundreds of thousands of veterans over those seventy-five years. Even during the pandemic, the Auxiliary continued its work to stay true to its mission. Auxiliary members picked up nonperishable food items from the Levy Center to deliver to Primm Tower and Blake Robinson Manor, to other senior living centers in Evanston, and to the James Lovell Medical Center in North Chicago. They donated two cases of hand sanitizer and coffee to the Evanston Vet Center for visiting vets. For special luncheons at the Center, they donated food items and helped serve the food. They continued to place flags on the graves of vets at Sunset Memorial Gardens every year. When there couldn't be a memorial service at Evanston's Fountain Square due to the pandemic, President Sizemore and other women pulled together their own service to ensure that the veterans would be remembered; and

**WHEREAS**, the VFW traces its roots to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves. In their misery, some of these veterans banded together and formed organizations with what would become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, VFW and Auxiliary voices have been instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, creating a GI bill for the 20th century, the development of the national cemetery system, the fight for compensation for Vietnam vets exposed to Agent Orange and for veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome. In 2008, VFW won a long-fought victory with the passage of a GI Bill for the 21st Century, giving expanded educational benefits to America's active-duty service members, and members of the Guard and Reserves, who have fought in Iraq and Afghanistan. The VFW also has fought for improving VA medical center services for women veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to helping fund the creation of the Vietnam, Korean War, World War II and Women in Military Service memorials, the VFW in 2005 became the first veterans' organization to contribute to building the new Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial, which opened in November 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, VFW Post 7186 is named after Sgt. William B. Snell, the first African American from Evanston to give his life in active duty during World War II. He died while fighting in Oren, North Africa.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the members, work, and contributions of the William B. Snell VFW Post 7186 Auxiliary, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions they have 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 same be tendered to Mrs. Geri Sizemore and to the Sergeant William B. Snell VFW Post 7186 Auxiliary.

[22-3334](#)

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF KAREN SINGER**

**WHEREAS**, after serving nearly two decades, current President and CEO Karen Singer has announced she will retire from YWCA Evanston/North Shore (YWCA E/NS). Since Singer joined the organization in 2005 it has doubled the number of participants served, launched its Equity Institute, increased private funding tenfold, and completed an \$18.5 million expansion that doubled its footprint; and

**WHEREAS**, under her leadership, the YWCA E/NS established the annual YWomen Leadership Awards to recognize the outstanding contributions that women in the community have made toward empowering women and eliminating racism (2008); expanded the relationship violence prevention program Building Healthy Relationships to include curricula for middle school and high school youth and the Campus Dating Violence program (2009); expanded the financial literacy program Basic Money Management to the community (2010); initiated the Equity Institute, positioning the organization as a resource and leader in working to achieve equity, began the Community Conversations on Race Series, Let's Talk at Lunch, and Anti-Racism Training (2011); began sponsoring the Stand Against Racism, an annual event held the last Friday in April that draws 10,000 participants and encourages communities and community members to acknowledge racial inequity and work for change (2012); began the Equity Summit as a way to bring people of all ages and demographics together to deepen their understanding of their own racial identities, develop skills to work for change, formulate action plans, and engage with others (2016); launched YW Culinary, a 12-week job training program designed to prepare women for success in Chicagoland's vibrant food service industry (2018); acquired two social enterprises: YWCA Shop for Good and the Crowded Closet to provide low cost clothing and volunteer opportunities from which 100% of profits help support YWCA's domestic violence and economic empowerment programs (2018 and 2020); and launched the YW Tech Lab (initially known as YWeb Career Academy) in partnership with Oakton Community College to provide education in digital skills to traditionally underrepresented or vulnerable populations, such as women of color, survivors of domestic violence, and low-wage workers (2021); and

**WHEREAS**, under Singer's leadership, the YWCA assumed sponsorship of the Ricky Byrdsong Memorial Race Against Hate. The race began as a neighborhood walk/vigil after Northwestern University Basketball Coach Ricky Byrdsong was murdered by a white supremacist while running in his Skokie neighborhood with his son and daughter. The annual walk/vigil morphed into a race organized by Coach Byrdsong's wife, Sherialyn, and supporters to commemorate the Evanston and Skokie communities' stance against racist hate. In 2006, Sherialyn entrusted the race to the YWCA E/NS to ensure its continued stewardship. The race has become a popular community event on the north shore that includes walk/races for adults and children and annually draws several thousand participants. It is held every year on Father's Day; and

**WHEREAS**, along with these innovative programs, the YWCA E/NS continued its ongoing work of

providing sex education and violence prevention education in schools and in the community; support in the form of housing, supportive services, and children's programs for victims of domestic violence; daycare and after school programs; scholarships for swim programs to foster equitable access for all youth to learn the lifesaving skill of swimming; and other recreational programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Singer worked hard during her tenure to solidify the finances of the organization. An unrestricted gift of \$9 million in November 2020 increased the organization's sustainability for generations to come. Completion of the \$18.5 million capital campaign launched the new YWCA campus expansion, doubling its footprint and programmatic impact; and

**WHEREAS**, Jennifer Steans, YWCA E/NS board member, commented, "Karen has been a remarkable leader. Her entrepreneurial spirit, laser focus on equity and empowering women, and ability to engage with potential donors and community leaders have served us incredibly well. She has positioned us for a steep growth trajectory under new leadership;" and

**WHEREAS**, in announcing her retirement, Singer said, "I am honored and grateful to have had the privilege of leading the mission-driven work of the YWCA. Eliminating racism and empowering women is our mission. Each is key to creating a world where all women and girls - especially women and girls of color - have the opportunity to thrive and achieve the vision they have for their lives."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the work and contributions of Karen Singer, 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 same be tendered to Karen Singer and to the YWCA Evanston/North Shore.

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**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF KAREN TOLLENAAR DEMOREST**

**WHEREAS**, Karen Tollenaar Demorest is stepping down as Executive Director the Youth Job Center (YJC) Evanston in May 2022, a role she has held since August 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, YJC's mission is to provide success for young people - in the workplace and in life. For 37 years, YJC has provided work readiness training, personalized career advising, job placement, and support to over 2,000 young adults (ages 14-25) per year across Evanston, Chicago, and Cook County. YJC is an affiliate of the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership; and

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure, YJC expanded services to Chicago, launched the Career Pathways Program and Summer Corps, expanded partnerships with Chicago Public Schools, partnered with GAP, Inc. and the Southwest Organizing Project, and rebuilt a strong volunteer program with engaged partners and community members. During the pandemic, YJC expanded its virtual capabilities so that its services were available to young adults throughout the region and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, in one new partnership, YJC created a program with Olive Harvey College to replicate a long-term Evanston training program in auto maintenance and repair. This was done in response to interest from young people who are eager to invest in their ongoing learning but who seek career paths that do not require college; and

**WHEREAS**, under her leadership, the Youth Job Center became certified as a Financial Opportunities Center in 2020 and began embedding Financial Health in all training and career advising. Staff provide internal and external training so that young people can not only find stable work, but build wealth over time; and

**WHEREAS**, Karen will be succeeded by Lucretzia Jamison who is currently the Dean of the Dawson Technical Institute, part of Kennedy King College, City Colleges of Chicago.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the work and contributions of Karen Tollenaar Demorest, 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 same be tendered to Karen Tollenaar Demorest and to the Youth Job Center Evanston.

[22-3344](#)

**Sponsored by:** SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF PAT FOLEY**

**WHEREAS**, Chicago Blackhawks broadcaster, and Glenview resident, Pat Foley called his final game on April 14, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat Foley is synonymous with Chicago Blackhawks hockey, announcing for the team on both TV and radio for 39 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat Foley attended Michigan State University where he graduated with a



telecommunications degree; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat Foley's first play-by-play announcing experience was for women's basketball; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat Foley's first broadcaster job was for the Grand Rapids Owls, a Minor Professional hockey team playing in the International Hockey League; and

**WHEREAS**, a jack of all trades, Pat Foley also handled public relations and sales for the Grand Rapids Owls; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat Foley made his Blackhawks broadcasting debut for the sixth game of the 1980-81 season at the age of 26, the same night Stan Mikita's jersey was retired by the Blackhawks; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat Foley gained adoration and respect from fans for his detailed descriptions of plays on the ice and his iconic signature calls too numerous to count; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat Foley was inducted into the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame in 2002, and was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat Foley won five Emmys for his excellence in calling live hockey games; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat Foley celebrated working his final Blackhawks game with a family pregame celebration on center ice and a special postgame tribute by players and fans of his storied career; and

**WHEREAS**, during his final Blackhawks announcer duties, Pat Foley gave heartfelt thanks to Blackhawks fans and the Blackhawks organization for his 39 years of broadcasting; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat Foley describes his career as a "fairy tale," getting to broadcast in his hometown for a team he loved; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat Foley's passion and dedication has been recognized by fans, players, and colleagues alike; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Pat Foley on his retirement from a long and successful career as the voice of Chicago Blackhawks where he was beloved by all; 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 Pat Foley as a means of conveying our thanks and congratulations. "Hawks win!"

[22-3345](#)

**Sponsored by:** SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CELEBRATING MAY 2022 AS BIKE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Bike Month is celebrated in May to promote the many benefits of biking and create greater public awareness of bicycle operation and safety education in an effort to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities and improve health and safety for everyone on the road; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has one of the strongest communities of bikers and bike advocates of any metropolitan area in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, mobility equity is a hallmark of human and civil rights, free and safe travel is a fundamental right guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment, and Cook County's policy framework highlights transportation as key to the equitable distribution of opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County strives to meet the needs of all Cook County residents who wish to bike - regardless of age, ability, race, gender, ethnicity, culture, or income; and

**WHEREAS**, the bicycle is an economical, healthy, convenient, and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent tool for recreation and enjoyment at the Cook County Forest Preserves and on residential bike routes and bikeways throughout Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, creating bicycling-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, biking helps to attract commerce, improve traffic safety, support student learning outcomes, and reduces pollution, congestion, and wear and tear on our streets and roads; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways is one of the region's leading investors in bicycle infrastructure, including through the Invest in Cook program that awards grants to local agencies to improve their community's bicycle access and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County continues to grow its map of bikeable roadways that provide economic, transportation, tourism, and scenic benefits, currently comprised of 350 miles of trails, 65 miles of side paths and five miles of Greenways; and

**WHEREAS**, *Connecting Cook County*, the County's long-range transportation plan for 2040 prioritizes transit and non-vehicular travel, as well as the comfort and safety of bicyclists and pedestrians; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is in the second year of developing its comprehensive Bike Plan, which prioritizes equitable access to off-street and low-stress bikeways, the maintenance of existing infrastructure, and adding biking facilities to support a broad range of cyclists; and

**WHEREAS**, the Active Transportation Alliance, Ride Illinois, the League of American Bicyclists, various schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, public health districts, hospitals, companies, places of worship, and civic groups will be celebrating bicycling during the month of May 2022 throughout Cook County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2022 as Bike Month in Cook County and urges all residents to join in this special observance and enjoy the wonders and health benefits of biking; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Cook County is committed to ensuring transportation investments support everyday biking for recreation and transportation to work.

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

##### **HONORING J. IVY**

**WHEREAS**, J. Ivy is an award-winning poet, author, actor, and philanthropist who exemplifies the spirit of excellence, perseverance, and creativity in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Ivy was born on the South Side of Chicago on March 3, 1976, to WVON radio personality James Ivy Richardson and Pamela Richardson, a registered nurse who served at Cook County Hospital; and, as a child the family, along with two brothers, Virgil, and Sergio, relocated to the south suburbs; and

**WHEREAS**, he lost a third brother, Demond, to gun violence in 1988, sparking his commitment to eradicating the apathy, despair and hopelessness that ensnared far too many of his peers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1994 J. Ivy, graduated from Rich Central High School in Olympia Fields, and attended Illinois State University where he majored in marketing and worked various jobs while daring to dream big; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Ivy's poetry and storytelling styles were influenced by Gil Scott-Heron, The Last Poets, Hip Hop musician Slick Rick, Illinois Poet Laureate Gwendolyn Brooks, as well as civil rights champion Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who inspired him to demonstrated speaking truth to power; and,

in 2001 he received his big break when he performed, “I Need to Write” on HBO’s Def Poetry Jam, which earned him a Peabody Award; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Ivy’s career attracted more recognition when he wrote and was featured on the single, “Never Let Me Down,” on Kanye West’s four times platinum, Grammy Award-winning album College Dropout, featuring Jay Z; and, he was credited with giving EGOT winner singer/songwriter John Stephens his moniker, “John Legend;” and

**WHEREAS**, J. Ivy married Chicago, native singer/songwriter Tarrey Torae in 2005, and together they wrote and produced the album “For Better or Worse,” and, he also recorded solo albums, “Down at Loose Skillet” (2001), “Here I Am” (2010), “My Daddy’s Records” (2017) and, “ Digging in Papes: The Mixtape” (2014); and

**WHEREAS**, he has written three best-selling books “Poetically Black: Ivy in the Making” (1995), “Here I Am” (2012) and “Dear Father: Breaking the Cycle of Pain” (2015, Simon & Schuster); and, after being commissioned by NBA champion Michael Jordan and Dr. Deepak Chopra, in 2020 he wrote and narrated Beyoncé’s “Black Is King” promo for “Return of the NBA” which won a Clio award-winning for innovation and creative excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022 J. Ivy received a Grammy nomination for his fifth studio album “Catching Dreams: Live at Fort Knox Chicago,” which was nominated in the category of “Best Spoken Word Album,” alongside actors Levar Burton, Don Cheadle, comedian Dave Chappelle, poet Amir Suliman, and former President Barack Obama; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Ivy has also been awarded by national and local organizations, including receiving two NAACP Image recognitions (for documentaries “Muhammad Ali People’s Champ;” and “Martin: The Legacy of a King,”) both of which aired on Black Entertainment Television; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Ivy was the lead writer, voice director, and cast member of the record-breaking Netflix documentary “jeen-yuhs: A Kanye West Trilog” directed by Coodie and; Chike; and, after serving as the Recording Academy’s Chicago chapter president for two years, in 2021 he became the youngest person to serve as a national trustee thus becoming the first poet in the history of the Academy to hold those positions; and

**WHEREAS**, he also serves as resident poet Ernie Barnes Foundation; and he is a member of the Screen Actors Guild, the Writers’ Guild; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Ivy devotes considerable time to speaking to students, aspiring artists and disadvantaged youth, and other marginalized communities throughout Cook County, the State of Illinois,

and the nation; and he also mentors; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Ivy is a recognized advocate for mental health and suicide prevention nothing that both his works, “Never Let Me Down” and “Dear Father” have been credited by scores of people as the reason they resisted self-harm or suicide; and his work with the fatherless to reduce depression and tap into the power of forgiveness, leading many to reconnect with their dads and to change their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, J. Ivy continues his commitment to education, excellence, and community service as a resident of Richton Park, IL;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, we the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby acknowledge and recognize the contributions of Cook County resident----son, husband, poet, author, songwriter, actor J. Ivy and we thank him for his commitment to excellence; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, May 12, 2022, be hereby declared as “J. Ivy Day” in Cook County; and

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