



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Consent Agenda

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY MAY 27, 2024

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1831, Cook County has been blessed with thousands of selfless patriots who devoted their lives to the safety and freedom of their state and nation, no matter the cost; and

WHEREAS, in times of war, Cook County's citizens have sent their beloved brethren into combat far from home, bearing loss of life and limb; and

WHEREAS, Cook County citizens have never failed to fulfill their solemn duty to defend liberty; both for themselves and for others - by military service across the generations; and

WHEREAS, Cook County citizens have given their lives in every American conflict since the County's founding, including the Civil War, the Spanish- American War, two World Wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, the War on Terrorism, and other conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cook has always honored the immeasurable wartime and peacetime contributions and sacrifice of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the act of remembrance for all fallen service members from one's community is an American tradition that dates back more than a century and a half; and

WHEREAS, by an Act of Congress in 1971, the last Monday of May each year is recognized as a federal Memorial Day in remembrance of all fallen U.S. service members; and

WHEREAS, even today, members of the military are stationed throughout the world, while their families remain in our communities; and

WHEREAS, families praying for the safe return of loved ones experience everyday life in a very different way than others, as their everyday thoughts and feelings never stray far from those they honor and are proud of for serving this great nation; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of our citizens who have answered the call to duty to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, in defense of our democratic principles; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a day set aside to remember and honor our fallen service members who served our nation, in wartime or peacetime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of

Commissioners do hereby recognize May 27, 2024 as Memorial Day and ask that on this day of honor, all citizens express their gratitude to our fallen men and women, and their families.

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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, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ANNA LEAH VANES, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Anna Vanes from our midst, and

WHEREAS Anna Vanes was the beloved wife of the late Peter Vanes, and

WHEREAS Anna Vanes was the loving mother of Dean M. Vanes and the late Michael S. Vanes, and

WHEREAS Anna Vanes was the devoted daughter of the late Gus Manos and the late Lillian Manos, and

WHEREAS Anna Vanes was the dear sister of the late Connie Manos, and

WHEREAS Anna Vanes was the fond cousin of many, and

WHEREAS all who knew her will attest that Anna Vanes 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 Anna Vanes 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 Anna Vanes that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[24-2725](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE VICTORY OF THE WENDELL PHILLIPS WILDCATS BASKETBALL TEAM IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, Wendell Phillips high school is proudly located in Cook County's 3rd District in the Bronzeville neighborhood. Wendell Phillips High School, the oldest African American school in the city of Chicago and has a rich and proud legacy of producing accomplished graduates who made and will continue to make significant contributions in various fields throughout society; and

WHEREAS, the Wendell Phillips Wildcats achieved an incredible milestone by winning the IHSA Class 2A basketball state championship. Phillips' first such victory in more than 49 years; and

WHEREAS, the team faced formidable opponents with unwavering determination, showcasing resilience and teamwork in every game. The Wildcats resolve and hard work culminated in a title clenching victory in Champaign, Illinois, over Benton Consolidated High School by a score of 54-47; and

WHEREAS, The Wildcats, composed of talented young men who came together over the past seven months, including nine transfer students, demonstrated determination, perseverance, and teamwork on their path to success; and

WHEREAS, these student athletes excel both on the basketball court and in the classroom by maintaining an impressive average GPA of 3.3 out of a 4.0 scale. Their academic prowess further reflects their commitment to academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats' victory has brought joy and pride to the Bronzeville community, the city of Chicago, and the entire state of Illinois; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MEMBERS OF THIS BODY, take this opportunity to congratulate the Wendell Phillips Wildcats on their historic achievement and to commend them for their hard work, dedication, and team spirit. We recognize the vital role the coaches, teachers, parents, and community members played in supporting and nurturing these young athletes and express our gratitude for their efforts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF THE 3rd DISTRICT AND TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER, we celebrate the achievements of the Wendell Phillips Wildcats Basketball team on their outstanding triumphant victory and look forward to their continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this resolution will be presented to members and coaches of the Wendell Phillips Wildcats Basketball team.

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

[24-2965](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF DORIS FORD

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst Doris Ford, on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, Doris Ford, was the beloved wife of Edward Ford, and she passed in their Jackson Park Highlands home in the arms of her husband on their 65th wedding anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Doris was born on a farm in Opelika, Alabama, to a family of eight children, and received her early formal education and religious instruction there, before migrating to Chicago with her mother and younger brother when she was 9 years old; and

WHEREAS, the family settled in the newly integrated Park Manor community, and Doris graduated from Parker High School in 1958; and

WHEREAS, she and her husband eventually met at the Grand Ballroom at 6351 S. Cottage Grove Avenue at a dance, “It was love at first sight,” remarked Mr. Ford, and they were married on April 17, 1959; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ford helped her husband establish and run the only African American-owned jeweler shop on Chicago’s Jewelers Row District on Wabash Avenue for 50 years-“Edward Ford Creative Jewelers”, at 5 South Wabash Avenue; “She was my right hand,” noted Mr. Ford; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the jeweler shop, the couple became very active in civic and religious affairs, as lifelong members of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church (St. Josephine Bakhita) and Doris was known for her graciousness; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ford’s legacy and memories will live on in her cherished husband Edward, her daughters Yvette Charisse Ford-Lovely and Alanna Joi Ford, her grandchildren Krystn and Kyra Lovely and Britain West, and extended family and friends. She will truly be missed by all;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby offer their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Mrs. Doris Ford and honor her life as a distinguished member of the community;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to the family of Mrs. Doris Ford so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, May is National Military Appreciation Month, introduced by late Senator John McCain and designated by Congress in 1999, which gives our nation the opportunity to honor the service and sacrifice of servicemembers and their families; and

WHEREAS, not only do we reflect on Memorial Day the sacrifice and service of those who gave all, but the month also marks several other military anniversaries and events, including Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Loyalty Day, VE Day, Public Service Recognition Week, and Armed Forces Day; and

WHEREAS, this month as we celebrate current and former members of our military and their families, it is important to encourage all citizens to observe the month as a symbol of unity and recognize that as Americans we have more in common than not; and

WHEREAS, we honor the sacrifice of generations of military men and women by our commitment to community and country, and to preserving our freedoms and our democracy they so valiantly fought and continue to fight to preserve; and

WHEREAS, Loyalty Day (May 1st) is a day for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States, and to reflect on the proud heritage of our American freedom; and

WHEREAS, Public Service Recognition Week (the 1st full week in May) is set aside to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county, and local government employees; and

WHEREAS, Victory in Europe Day or VE Day is observed May 8th to recognize May 8th, 1945 as the day when Germans throughout Europe unconditionally surrendered to the Allies marking the end of World War II in Europe; and

WHEREAS, Military Spouse Appreciation Day recognized on the Friday before Mother's Day is set aside to honor military spouses and recognizes the important role our military families play in keeping our Armed Forces strong and our country safe; and

WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day, celebrated on the third Saturday in May every year, honors everyone

serving in the U.S. Military branches: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, and Space Force; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day observed on the last Monday in May, commemorates the men and women who died for our country while in military service; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to celebrate and honor our active and veteran military members past and present throughout the month of May;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, in solidarity with National Military Appreciation Month, hereby commemorate May 2024 as Military Appreciation Month in Cook County; and

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

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE THE VILLAGE OF BERKLEY'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, In 1835 the area that was to become Berkeley was home to farmers, most of German and Dutch Ancestry; and

WHEREAS, In 1836 St. Charles Road, a stretch of roadway from St. Charles to Chicago, was built; and

WHEREAS, In 1845 Peter Bohlander donated land at the southeast corner of St. Charles Road and Taft Avenue for the purpose of burying family, friends and neighbors, and is now known as Old Settler's Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, A small group of farm families established a one-room school called Sunnyside in 1848. Now housed in a larger and newer building, Sunnyside Elementary School still operates today; and

WHEREAS, The 1902 completion of the Chicago, Aurora & Elgin Railroad gave the area its first passenger rail service at a stop called Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, The first subdivided plots of land for residential building were advertised for sale in 1908; and

WHEREAS, Residential construction brought new residents, many of whom were English, to the area; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley residents chose to incorporate their community of about 800 citizens by one vote, despite fierce opposition from residents living east of Hillside Avenue, becoming official on May 20, 1924; and

WHEREAS, The village population tripled between 1950 and 1960; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago, Aurora & Elgin Railway ceased passenger service in 1957, however, its route through the village remains as the “Illinois Prairie Path” multi- use nature trail; and

WHEREAS, The picturesque Illinois Prairie Path goes right through Berkeley for those who enjoy hiking or biking; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley's land purchase from the railroad in the 1960s extended its northern boundary, allowing for the addition of a small industrial park; and

WHEREAS, Having been based there since 1950, Berkeley boasts a global leader among its small base of industries: World Dryer Corporation, one of the largest manufacturers of the hand dryers used in public restrooms worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley has remained predominantly a residential community and a convenient place to live in terms of transportation; and

WHEREAS, The transportation corridors that make Berkeley accessible to distant places also serve to separate the village from its nearest neighbors, creating a small-town atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Berkeley is a great place to live with safe, well-maintained neighborhoods, enriching activities, entertainment, and a diverse group of people to call neighbors; and

WHEREAS, These traits continue to help Berkeley strive for A Bright Future; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Berkeley is proud to celebrate its Centennial Anniversary in 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County Commissioner Sean M. Morrison and the entire Cook County Board extends its heartiest congratulations and well-wishes to the Village of Berkeley on their 100th year of incorporation, wishing them continued success and “A Bright Future” in all the years to come; and

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

[24-2022](#)

Sponsored by: TARA S. STAMPS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARION NZINGA STAMPS AND THE SISTERS OF THE STRUGGLE FOR THEIR DECADES OF ADVOCACY

WHEREAS, Marion Nzinga Stamps and the Sisters of the Struggle (SOS), comprising Regina Harvey Stewart, Nianna Hickman, JoAnn Barron, Pauline Marshall, Addie Feazell, Polly Triplett, Makeda London, Pauline Marshall, Joyce Flake, Renay Wright, Bobbi Lockhart, Eunice Banks, and Marcia Jones, have demonstrated unwavering dedication to social justice and community empowerment since the 1970s; and,

WHEREAS, the Sisters of the Struggle, based in the Cabrini Green community, emerged as powerful advocates for fair housing and public housing, championing the rights of residents in the face of housing discrimination and inequality; and,

WHEREAS, the SOS played a pivotal role in the historic election of Chicago's first black mayor, Harold Washington, breaking down racial barriers and paving the way for increased representation in the city's leadership; and.

WHEREAS, the Sisters of the Struggle exhibited exceptional leadership by driving Chicago's first woman Mayor, Jane Byrne, out of Cabrini Green and out of office, showcasing their influence in shaping the political landscape of the city; and,

WHEREAS, the SOS's commitment extended beyond housing advocacy, as they fought for quality education for Chicago students, particularly those from blighted communities, leading to the establishment of the Sojourner Truth School; and,

WHEREAS, the Sisters of the Struggle collaborated with diverse groups from all parts of the city, including Uptown and Humboldt Park, fostering unity and solidarity in the pursuit of social justice; and,

WHEREAS, the SOS's enduring legacy continues to inspire current and future generations to advocate for equity, justice, and the betterment of their communities; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor and celebrate the impactful legacy of the SOS, recognizing their pivotal role in shaping a more equitable, just, and compassionate Cook County; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be archived as a token of the esteem held by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

[24-2939](#)

Sponsored by: TARA S. STAMPS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ACKNOWLEDGING LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, in 1851 Lupus was defined as an autoimmune disease. Documented research leads to the advancement of the understanding and diagnosis of lupus as an autoimmune disease. There is no known cause of lupus, and;

WHEREAS, women ages 15 to 44 of certain racial or ethnic groups including people who are African American, Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, or Pacific Islander People who have a family member with lupus or another autoimmune disease are gravely impacted, and;

WHEREAS, this inflammatory disease is caused when the immune system attacks its own tissues and affects the overall well-being of the person in many ways. It also impacts the physical, emotional, and economic aspects of a person's life, and;

WHEREAS, the history of lupus, although dating back at least to the Middle Ages, has experienced an explosion in this century, especially during the modern era over the past 60 years. It is hoped that this growth of new knowledge will allow a better understanding of immunopathogenesis of the disease and the development of more effective treatments, and;

WHEREAS, over the last decade or so, there have been significant advances in the understanding of the genetic basis of lupus, and of the immunological derangements which lead to the clinical manifestations of the disease, and;

WHEREAS, advances have been made in the assessment of the impact of the disease in general, and in minority population groups, in particular and efforts are being made towards defining lupus biomarkers which may help both to predict disease outcome and to guide treatments, and;

WHEREAS, during the month of May the lupus community join together annually to raise awareness of the physical, emotional and economic impact of lupus, while raising funds to support lupus research, care, support services, and educational resources and programs, and;

WHEREAS, purple is a combination of red and blue - the color red represents passion/motivation, and the color blue evokes a sense of calmness. Thus, purple is the color for lupus as it is the perfect blend of colors that represent the characteristics required to fight lupus. A purple butterfly is also the symbol for lupus, and;

WHEREAS, Ms. Patricia Ann Betts had a very strong faith in God and shared a special bond with her family and friends. She cared deeply for people and expressed an immense willingness to care for others, and;

WHEREAS, Ms. Betts lost her battle with lupus on January 19, 2024, at the age of 53. Her life and legacy are a testimony of resilience and endurance, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby acknowledge May as National Lupus Awareness Month and honors those in search of a cure and live with disease every day, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be archived as a token of the esteem held by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Board of Commissioners.