

**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL



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**Thursday, March 12, 2026**

**11:00 AM**

**Consent Calendar Meeting**

**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

FRANK J. AGUILAR  
ALMA E. ANAYA  
SCOTT R. BRITTON  
JOHN P. DALEY  
BRIDGET DEGNEN  
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MICHAEL SCOTT JR.  
TARA S. STAMPS  
MAGGIE TREVOR  
JESSICA VÁZQUEZ

**MONICA GORDON  
COUNTY CLERK**

Board met pursuant to law and pursuant to Resolution 26-0385.

**OFFICIAL RECORD**

President Preckwinkle in the chair.

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 11:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

**QUORUM**

County Clerk Monica Gordon called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, K. Morrison (3)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a virtual public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, email address, phone number, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized virtual public speakers shall be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room D, Chicago, IL. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

1. Brenda Solorzano, Family Focus
2. Bonna Heinsohn, Cook County Farm Bureau
3. Dennis White, Chicago, IL
4. Apostle Sandy Norman, Chicago, IL
5. Tywon Simms, Chicago, IL
6. Zoe Leigh, Chicago, IL
7. Jessica Jackson, Chicago, IL
8. George Blakemore, Chicago, IL

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**26-0966  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, ALMA E. ANAYA,  
SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER,  
BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA,  
SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND  
JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 27TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COOK COUNTY  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM'S SISTER COUNTY PARTNERSHIP  
BETWEEN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND COUNTY CORK, IRELAND**

**WHEREAS**, in 1995, Cook County launched the International Trade Partnership Program to promote trade and investment between Cook County and strategic partner regions around the world in order to foster bilateral trade and provide linkages between businesses locally and overseas; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 1998, a delegation from County Cork, Ireland made their first visit to Cook County, Illinois to participate in a series of government business and cultural events; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 1999, a delegation of government and business leaders from Cook County Illinois travelled to Cork County, Ireland for an economic, educational and cultural exchange; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 1999, at a Cork County Council meeting, the Cook County, Illinois - County Cork, Ireland Sister-County Partnership Agreement was signed; and

**WHEREAS**, in October 2000, the Cook County Partners with Ireland Committee was established to facilitate the International Trade Partnership Program with regions in Ireland; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County and County Cork have worked together over the past 27 years to develop and strengthen relations between companies, educational institutions, organizations and individual entrepreneurs; and

**WHEREAS**, government officials representing Cook County, Illinois and Cork County, Ireland along with business leaders from both regions have since been working to promote bilateral trade and exchange in the areas of biotechnology, information technology, institutions of higher education, small business enterprises & tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sister-County Partnership has been responsible for numerous successful ventures over the past 27 years including:

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- the establishment of a PhD level student exchange program between the Illinois Institute of Technology IIT (now known as Illinois TECH) and the Cork Institute of Technology (now known as Munster Technological University);
- a cooperative agreement between leading technology associations in both regions to provide pro bono office space to entrepreneurs seeking to establish a presence in Cook County or County Cork;
- the sponsorship of a cultural training program in Ireland for residents of Cook County's Mercy Home for Boys & Girls in which the sixth group of Cook County young people traveled to Cork last June to learn and grow through outdoor activities, life-skills training and team-building exercises.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of more than 5 million residents of Cook County, recognize this long-standing partnership and do hereby welcome the Mayor of the County of Cork Ireland, Councillor Mary Linehan Foley, and the Cork County delegation to Cook County, Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Councillor Mary Linehan Foley, Mayor of the County of Cork and the Cork County Council in recognition of our continued partnership.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Ayes:** Commissioner Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Commissioner Vásquez (14)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller and Commissioner Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0967  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, TARA S. STAMPS,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN,  
BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE,**

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**JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., MAGGIE TREVOR AND**

**JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF ERNIE BAUMANN**

**WHEREAS**, Ernie Baumann was a tumbling instructor, an entrepreneur, a civil rights activist, an entertainer, and a community builder whose five-decade mission helped shape the lives of tens of thousands of children across Chicago's western suburbs and the West Side through Maywood Fine Arts; and

**WHEREAS**, Ernie Baumann, born on April 9, 1939, was adopted and raised by a family in Western Springs; after graduating from Lyons Township High School, where he was a member of the gymnastics team, he served in the United States Navy; he proceeded to work as a house parent at a Lutheran children's home in Maywood, where he operated a small business, The Newspaper Store, which became a gathering place for commuters and creatives alike; he met his future wife, Lois Baumann, in 1966, and they married in 1967; and

**WHEREAS**, Ernie and Lois Baumann first worked within the Maywood Recreation Department, where he taught tumbling and she taught dance, coordinating all-day park programming for neighborhood children; the couple then established the Stairway of the Stars Dance Studio and Mr. Ernie's Flip, Flop and Fly Tumbling School; and

**WHEREAS**, Ernie and Lois Baumann continued to pursue their mission of keeping the arts accessible, affordable, and centered on children by founding the nonprofit Maywood Fine Arts in 1996; they faced a serious setback when Maywood Fine Arts' beloved dance studio, housed in the former Maywood Opera House, was destroyed by fire in 2010; through a grassroots campaign called Raising the Barre and the efforts of students, they were able to raise funds to rebuild; by 2016, they had a new, \$2 million, state-of-the-art dance facility; and

**WHEREAS**, Ernie and Lois Baumann transformed Maywood Fine Arts into one of the most enduring and inclusive youth arts institutions in the region, an organization that today serves thousands of children each week and has produced multiple generations of alumni working across the arts, education, and entertainment industries; and

**WHEREAS**, Ernie Baumann was a husband, father, grandfather, mentor, and friend who will be remembered for the positive impact he made on the arts, his community, and the lives of his students.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby mourn the passing of Ernie Baumann and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Ernie Baumann as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

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Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0924  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, TARA S. STAMPS,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN,  
BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE,  
JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., MAGGIE TREVOR AND  
JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**NATIONAL REBUILDING DAY 2026**

**WHEREAS**, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago, a volunteer organization preserving and revitalizing low-income homes and communities, repaired its first home in suburban Cook County in 1992, and has since rehabilitated nearly 1,900 homes, as well as assisted in the development of essential community centers and gardens; and

**WHEREAS**, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago is an affiliate of Rebuilding Together, a national nonprofit organization, which sponsors National Rebuilding Day across the country on the last Saturday in April; and

**WHEREAS**, every year Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago selects neighborhoods in Cook County in which to provide home repair for elderly, disabled or low-income individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 3,000 volunteers annually, including Cook County employees, donate their time and talents to plan and complete hundreds of free home repairs for residents in Cook County through Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago's volunteer teams; and

**WHEREAS**, repairs typically focus on keeping homeowners "warm, safe, and dry" and also improve access for low-income seniors, veterans and people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, Rebuilding Together services will be rendered for a home in Maywood; and

**WHEREAS**, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago is an example of Cook County and other local governments working in partnership with private entities to assist residents and communities in need.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize and express Cook County's sincere gratitude to Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago and its participating partners, as we work together to restore homes to a warm, safe, and dry condition; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that various departments, including, but not limited to, the Bureau of Economic Development, Bureau of Administration, and the Bureau of Asset Management continue to work annually with Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago to determine project scope for the Cook County sponsored projects and coordinate volunteers annually for National Rebuilding Day activities; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Bureau of Economic Development, Bureau of Administration and Bureau of Asset Management be recognized for their ongoing efforts in determining Cook County's annual project scope and determining repairs that will be conducted by Cook County employee volunteers for National Rebuilding Day activities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago in acknowledgment of its past accomplishments and to a successful upcoming project.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0849  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
BRIDGET DEGNEN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE, FRANK J. AGUILAR,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL,  
DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON,  
MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHANNON ROVERS  
IRISH PIPE BAND**

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**WHEREAS**, in 1926, Thomas F. Ryan gathered a group of twelve talented musicians on Chicago's West Side and founded the Shannon Rovers Bagpipe and Marching Band, establishing what would become one of the most distinguished and enduring musical institutions in the City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, the Shannon Rovers were originally formed to promote the proud tradition of Celtic music in Chicago and to provide a living link to the ethnic heritage of thousands of Irish immigrants who left their homeland in search of opportunity in the New World, ensuring that their culture, music, and traditions would flourish in their adopted city; and

**WHEREAS**, through discipline, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to musical excellence, the Shannon Rovers grew from a neighborhood ensemble into a revered civic institution whose sound has become synonymous with celebration, remembrance, and Irish pride throughout Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, the importance of the Shannon Rovers to the City was formally recognized in 1965 when Mayor Richard J. Daley declared them "Chicago's Official Band," a designation reflecting their extraordinary contributions to the cultural and ceremonial life of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, over the decades, the Shannon Rovers have performed before every President of the United States, as well as numerous foreign heads of state and honored dignitaries, bringing distinction to Chicago on both national and international stages; and

**WHEREAS**, the Shannon Rovers are widely known for their prominent and cherished role in Chicago's Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, one of the largest and most celebrated observances of its kind in the world, where their stirring music has become a hallmark of the City's vibrant Irish heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, for one hundred years, the Shannon Rovers have served as outstanding ambassadors for their hometown, performing for appreciative audiences at home and abroad while mentoring new generations of musicians and preserving the time-honored traditions of Celtic pipe and drum music; and

**WHEREAS**, the year 2026 marks the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Shannon Rovers, a rare and remarkable milestone in the life of any organization; and

**WHEREAS**, a Centenary Jubilee Celebration will commemorate this joyous and historic occasion, honoring a century of cultural stewardship, musical excellence, and civic pride.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its heartfelt congratulations to the Shannon Rovers Irish Pipe Band on the historic occasion of their Centenary Jubilee Anniversary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Honorable Body recognizes the enduring spirit, discipline, and dedication that have defined the Shannon Rovers for a full century, and acknowledges their profound contribution to the cultural fabric, civic traditions, and international reputation of Chicago and Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that as the Shannon Rovers commence their second century, this Board expresses its confidence that they will continue to uphold their distinguished legacy, serving as proud ambassadors of Chicago and preserving the rich traditions of Celtic music for generations to come; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and that a suitably prepared copy be presented to the Shannon Rovers Irish Pipe Band as a lasting tribute and expression of the gratitude and admiration of the people of Cook County on this Centennial occasion.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0853  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, BRIDGET DEGNEN,  
BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, DONNA MILLER,  
STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY ST. CHRISTINA  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

**WHEREAS**, in 1926, in the Mount Greenwood community on Chicago's southwest side, St. Christina Catholic Parish was founded to serve the spiritual needs of a growing Catholic population and, for one hundred years, has faithfully ministered to generations of families through worship, religious education, and extensive charitable outreach; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Reverend Thomas Friel was appointed as the first pastor of St. Christina Catholic Parish and celebrated the first Holy Mass at Cunningham School, laying the spiritual foundation upon which the parish community would flourish; and

**WHEREAS**, through the dedication and sacrifice of its early parishioners, a portable church was constructed in 1927 to provide a permanent place of worship, and in 1935 a beautiful brick church was completed, where Mass was joyfully celebrated for the first time on Christmas Day, marking a significant milestone in the parish's history; and

**WHEREAS**, the parish later established St. Christina School, expanding its mission to provide Catholic education rooted in faith, academic excellence, leadership, and service, thereby nurturing generations of students who have gone on to contribute meaningfully to their church, their community, and society at large; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout its century of service, St. Christina Catholic Parish has continually responded to the evolving needs of its parishioners, upholding and advancing the spiritual, educational, and charitable mission of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, while fostering a strong sense of faith, fellowship, and civic responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Christina Catholic Parish has long been recognized as a close-knit and welcoming community, where multiple generations of families have remained in the neighborhood, strengthening the bonds of faith and friendship and contributing to the stability and vitality of the Mount Greenwood neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the year 2026 marks the 100th Anniversary of St. Christina Catholic Parish, a historic milestone celebrating a century of devotion, service, and community building; and

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, April 11, 2026, a special All-Parish Reunion Mass was held in celebration of the 100th Anniversary Year of St. Christina Parish, followed by an evening of fellowship and celebration, bringing together parishioners past and present in joyful commemoration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby extend its heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all parishioners, clergy, religious, faculty, alumni, and friends of St. Christina Catholic Parish on the joyous occasion of its 100th Anniversary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and that an official copy of same be presented to St. Christina Catholic Parish and to the Reverend Ryan Brady, Pastor, as a lasting tribute to a century of faith, service, and community.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0912  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, BILL LOWRY,  
FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,  
BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, DR. KISHA E. MCCASKILL, DONNA MILLER,  
STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REVEREND JESSE LOUIS  
JACKSON, SR.**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners mourns the passing and celebrates the extraordinary life, indelible legacy, and tireless activism of Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., who departed this life on February 17, 2026, a towering figure in the modern civil rights movement, a passionate advocate for social justice, and one of the most influential African American leaders of the 20th and 21st centuries; and

**WHEREAS**, born on October 8, 1941, in Greenville, South Carolina, Reverend Jackson rose from humble beginnings to become an internationally respected voice for the oppressed, the disenfranchised, and the marginalized. He earned a football scholarship to the University of Illinois before transferring to North Carolina A&T State University, where he embraced activism and graduated with a degree in sociology. He later studied at the Chicago Theological Seminary and was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Jackson's leadership was forged under the mentorship of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with whom he worked closely as a young aide in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He played a pivotal role in major civil rights demonstrations, including the 1965 Selma to Montgomery marches, and was present in Memphis on the day Dr. King was tragically assassinated in 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, in the aftermath of Dr. King's death, Reverend Jackson founded Operation PUSH (People United to Serve Humanity) in 1971, a Chicago-based organization that championed economic empowerment, educational equity, and Black self-determination. Under his visionary leadership, Operation PUSH helped broker agreements with major corporations to expand employment opportunities and increase minority business participation; and

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**WHEREAS**, Reverend Jackson further expanded his impact through the founding of the Rainbow Coalition in 1984, a progressive and inclusive political movement that sought to unite diverse constituencies, African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans, LGBTQ+ communities, labor unions, environmentalists, and the poor, under a shared vision of justice, peace, and equality. The Rainbow Coalition later merged with Operation PUSH to form Rainbow/PUSH; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Jackson's historic bids for the presidency of the United States in 1984 and 1988 shattered barriers and redefined American politics. In his 1988 campaign, he won over seven (7) million votes and eleven (11) primary contests, making him the most successful African American presidential candidate in history at that time. His candidacy galvanized a new generation of political engagement and laid the groundwork for future leaders of color, including President Barack Obama; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Jackson was also internationally renowned for his diplomatic efforts, having traveled to Syria, Iraq, Cuba, and other global regions to negotiate the release of hostages and promote peace. His moral courage and global vision earned him admiration far beyond the borders of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his remarkable career, Reverend Jackson received numerous awards and recognitions, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, awarded to him in 2000 by President Bill Clinton for his lifelong commitment to nonviolence, civil rights, and reconciliation; and

**WHEREAS**, despite his global reach, Reverend Jackson remained rooted in Chicago, where his activism, mentorship, and unwavering dedication shaped generations of leaders, uplifted countless communities, and transformed lives. His voice stood as a clarion call for justice, dignity, and human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr.'s life was one of profound service, moral clarity, and bold leadership. He embodied the conviction that democracy demands participation, that faith must be lived out in action, and that change is not only possible, but inevitable when driven by courage and compassion; and

**WHEREAS**, his passing on February 17, 2026, marks the end of a transformative chapter in American history, yet his enduring legacy will continue to inspire movements for justice, equity, and peace for generations to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, president of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, including Bill Lowry, Frank J. Aguilar, Alma E. Anaya, Scott R. Britton, John P. Daley, Bridget Gainer, Bridget Degnen, Dr. Kisha E. McCaskill, Donna Miller, Stanley Moore, Josina Morita, Kevin B. Morrison, Sean M. Morrison, Michael Scott Jr., Tara S. Stamps, Maggie Trevor, and Jessica Vásquez, do hereby honor and commemorate the life and legacy of reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, sr., whose lifelong commitment to justice, equality, and human dignity profoundly shaped cook county, our nation, and the world; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Jackson family as a symbol of Cook County’s deepest condolences, enduring gratitude, and unwavering respect for a man whose life was a testament to the power of conviction, the necessity of compassion, and the transformative force of visionary leadership. Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd. District.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0972  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DR. KISHA E. MCCASKILL, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,  
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY,  
STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR.,  
TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CELEBRATING A DUAL CENTENNIAL OF HISTORY AND LEGACY**

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Orene May was born on February 6, 1926, in Birmingham, Alabama, and her life journey spans a century of profound social, cultural, and historical transformation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1946, she relocated to Chicago, Illinois, where she began laying the foundation for a life rooted in community, family, and faith, carrying forward the values instilled through family and shared history as one of four siblings; and

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**WHEREAS**, her life's journey reflects the story of Black history in motion-marked by courage, resilience, and purpose-as she journeyed from the South to the West and ultimately returned to Chicago, embodying the determination and perseverance of a generation that helped shape the Black experience in America; and

**WHEREAS**, around the year 2000, Mrs. May became an active and faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church of Glenwood, where for more than 21 years her devotion has reflected a life grounded in faith, consistency, and service to community; and

**WHEREAS**, known for her quiet strength and unwavering dignity, Mrs. May has lived a life defined by independence, discipline, and grace, continuing to reside independently within the 5th District of the Southland area, serving as a living testimony to endurance and self-determination; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. May's legacy lives powerfully through her family, as a devoted mother and matriarch whose love, faith, and guidance have shaped generations of children, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and extended relatives; and

**WHEREAS**, her life has paved the way for younger generations-especially Black women-to step forward with confidence, purpose, and leadership, recognizing that today's progress is built upon the strength and sacrifice of those who came before.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that in this historic year marking 100 years of Black History Month, we proudly honor the 100th birthday of Mrs. Orene May, celebrating her extraordinary life as a living reflection of Black history, resilience, faith, and legacy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this day be observed in recognition of Mrs. May's remarkable century of life, the history she has witnessed, the lives she has shaped, and the enduring example she leaves for generations to come.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this proclamation is hereby issued with deepest respect, admiration, and gratitude, honoring a life well lived and a legacy that will continue to inspire.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**26-0867  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE, ALMA E. ANAYA,  
SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER,  
BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA,  
SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND  
JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**COMMEMORATING WORLD DOULA DAY AND DOULA WEEK IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, March 22, 2026, marks the globally celebrated World Doula Day, and heralding the start of Doula Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2026 World Doula Week theme, “Holding Humanity: Doulas at the Heart of Care,” underscores the critical need for an increase in doulas, supported by compelling research that shows enhanced maternal well-being and significantly lower intervention rates, highlighting the transformative impact of doulas during pregnancy and childbirth; and

**WHEREAS**, World Doula Day and Doula Week serve as a powerful reminder of the extraordinary contributions of doulas worldwide, honoring their steadfast commitment to supporting women, newborns, and families through the transformative journey of childbirth and postpartum period; and

**WHEREAS**, doulas are vital in nurturing the physiological, social, emotional, and psychological well-being of individuals and families, providing guidance, advocacy, and compassionate care throughout the birthing process and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, in Cook County, we emphasize the critical importance of recognizing and celebrating the relentless dedication of doulas, highlighting the need to empower these essential caregivers who elevate the childbirth experience and promote holistic health outcomes for mothers, infants, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, Doula Week offers a platform to raise awareness, honor the legacy, and spotlight the crucial role of doulas in championing informed decision-making, maternal autonomy, and inclusive support systems within diverse communities worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Health launched its inaugural Doula Program last March, a 3-year, \$3 million initiative to support the physical and emotional well-being of mothers before, during, and after pregnancy, aiming to improve maternal health outcomes in Cook County; and

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**WHEREAS**, doula services not only enhance maternal health outcomes but also reduce costs associated with maternal mortality and morbidity by decreasing reliance on pain medication, shortening labor duration, reducing hospital stays, minimizing operative deliveries like C-sections and episiotomies, increasing APGAR scores, and lowering infant and maternal mortality rates.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this esteemed body, in alignment with World Doula Day and World Doula Week, hereby recognizes and commemorates March 22, 2026, as Doula Day and March 22nd - March 28th as Doula Week in Cook County, extending profound gratitude to all doulas in Cook County and across the United States; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this body urges individuals, organizations, and communities to actively engage in commemorating World Doula Day and Doula Week, acknowledging the profound impact of doulas in fostering positive birth experiences, nurturing maternal-infant bonding, and promoting the well-being of families worldwide; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be disseminated in the official proceedings of this Honorable Body as a testament to our collective commitment to honoring and uplifting the vital contributions of doulas in creating a more compassionate and equitable society.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0909  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE, ALMA E. ANAYA,  
SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER,  
BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA,  
SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND  
JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING JANET ROGERS FOR HER OUTSTANDING CAREER IN EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, Janet Rogers, a dedicated Harvey resident, has championed education and community advancement for nearly four decades; and

**WHEREAS**, as the first college graduate in her family, Janet’s personal journey fuels her unwavering belief in education’s transformative power; and

**WHEREAS**, Janet earned a B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in 1977, a Master’s in Counseling from Governors State University in 1980, and a Special Education Endorsement (6-12) from National Louis University in 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1982-2009, Janet dedicated her career to Bloom School District 206 in Chicago Heights, IL, teaching Culinary Arts and Special Education; and

**WHEREAS**, Janet consistently exceeded expectations for her students, working with high schoolers, including those with behavior disorders and emotional disturbances, and for twenty years, she secured employment for students with special needs through a WIA Grant she co-authored with the Cook County Office of Employment Training staff; and

**WHEREAS**, Janet also taught job readiness and social skills, counseled students in the evenings to help them earn necessary graduation credits, and co-wrote a grant to establish night school for these students; and

**WHEREAS**, Janet’s passion for educational excellence transcends the classroom, as she has led and inspired on numerous educational boards, including: President of Harvey School District 152 Board of Education, Director of the South Cook Division of the Illinois School Board Association (IASB), Member of the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE), Member of the National School Board Association (NSBA), Member of the Black Caucus Association for School Board Members, Member of the South Suburban College Board of Trustees, and Member of the Illinois Community College Trustee Association; and

**WHEREAS**, appointed to the South Suburban College (SSC) Board of Trustees in 2013, Janet currently serves as the ICCTA Representative and Chairperson of the Policy Committee, where her leadership and vision have been instrumental in shaping the college’s policies and strategic direction; and

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**WHEREAS**, Janet has also contributed to various community boards, including: Former Fundraising Chair for the Harvey Colts Football Team, Former Member of the Parent Advisory Group for Homewood Small Fry, Former Member of the Thornton High School Athletic Booster Club, Member of the Renegade Riders Motorcycle Club, Member of The Harvey/Markham Cancer Relay for Life, and Member of The South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District; and

**WHEREAS**, as President of the Harvey School District 152 Board of Education, Janet has focused on reinvesting in education and the community, and under her leadership, District 152 has achieved groundbreaking milestones, including the 2023 renovation and expansion of Maya Angelou Elementary School, a multi-million-dollar project that introduced state-of-the-art learning spaces and boosted local economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, Janet's tireless advocacy earned her the prestigious Master School Board Member designation by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), recognizing her exceptional leadership and impact, and she remains committed to ensuring all students have equitable access to quality education and higher learning opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Janet has been a driving force behind numerous community fundraising initiatives, showcasing her unwavering commitment to the communities she serves, and continues to serve as a Substitute Teacher for Bloom High School District 206; and

**WHEREAS**, Janet embodies excellence, equity, and empowerment in education, and her dedicated service has left an indelible mark on the educational landscape, positively transforming the lives of countless students and their communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, commend and honor Janet Rogers for her remarkable career and outstanding contributions to education and the community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Janet Rogers as a token of our respect and esteem.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0901  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE AND PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**RESOLUTION HONORING SHERMANN “DILLA” THOMAS**

**WHEREAS**, Shermann Thomas, affectionately known as “Dilla,” is an Emmy Award-winning modern historian, cultural worker, brand ambassador, influencer, activist, and proud lifelong resident of Chicago’s South Side; and

**WHEREAS**, through the power of storytelling and innovative use of social media, Dilla has created publicly accessible, perspective-shifting history lessons focused on the city of Chicago, garnering more than 40 million views and building a following of over 300,000 across platforms; and

**WHEREAS**, Dilla’s engaging digital presence has earned him recognition as Best Chicago Twitter Page, Best Chicago Instagram Page, and Best Chicago TikTok Page by Chicago Reader; and

**WHEREAS**, his impactful storytelling has led to national media appearances on programs including Today and The Kelly Clarkson Show, further amplifying Chicago’s cultural contributions to audiences across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Dilla was named the 2022 Chicago Tourism Ambassador of the Year by Choose Chicago in recognition of his dedication to uplifting and promoting the city; and

**WHEREAS**, his work has been enshrined in the Congressional Record of the United States House of Representatives, affirming his national impact and service; and

**WHEREAS**, Dilla has received honors from respected institutions including the American Planning Association, City Club of Chicago, and the Chicago Public Library Foundation, including the prestigious 21st Century Award, and has been recognized as a Studs Terkel Uplifting Voices recipient; and

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**WHEREAS**, he has presented lectures and history lessons to institutions of higher learning around the globe, addressed Fortune 500 companies, and partnered with professional sports teams throughout Chicago and Cook County to celebrate and elevate the region’s legacy; and

**WHEREAS**, Dilla lives by the motto that “everything dope about America comes from Chicago,” and works tirelessly to reshape the narrative about Chicago and Cook County’s value to the nation and the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby honors Shermann “Dilla” Thomas for his outstanding contributions to historical education, cultural advocacy, civic engagement, and the global promotion of Chicago and Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be entered into the official proceedings of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and that a suitable copy be presented to Shermann “Dilla” Thomas as a token of the Board’s respect and appreciation.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0952  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, FRANK J. AGUILAR,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN,  
BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, DONNA MILLER,  
STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING MARCH 24, 2026, AS NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Illinois is home to more than 71,000 farms, the vast majority of which are family-owned and operated; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County remains home to over 10,000 acres of farmland with an average farm size of about 67 acres; and

**WHEREAS**, Agriculture includes the growing, raising, and harvesting of crops for both human and animal consumption, as well as the raising of livestock; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County agriculture includes vegetable, floriculture, grain, nursery, row crop production, and livestock; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County ranks among the top counties in Illinois for nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod production; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is home to numerous examples of urban agriculture, including the raising, cultivation, processing, marketing, and distribution of food in urban and suburban settings; and

**WHEREAS**, Urban agriculture in Cook County generally involves outdoor and indoor vertical production, indoor warehouse farms, greenhouses, rooftop farms, and hydroponic and aquaponic facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Agriculture and agriculture-related industries continue to be a critical economic engine for Cook County, supporting over 110,000 jobs and generating more than \$15.4 billion in value-added economic activity; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County's food manufacturing industry added \$9.1 billion to Chicagoland's Gross Domestic Product; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County's bread and bakery sector contributed nearly \$1 billion to the economy in 2022; and

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**WHEREAS**, Nonchocolate candy manufacturing contributed nearly 3,500 jobs and over \$540 million to the County's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County and Illinois farmers grow healthy and nutritious food for local, state, and national markets; and

**WHEREAS**, Farmland is a finite and vital resource that supports agriculture, food production, and the economic well-being of Cook County and the State of Illinois.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize March 24, 2026, as National Agriculture Day; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the Cook County Farm Bureau®.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0980  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,  
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY,  
DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA,  
KEVIN B. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR,  
JESSICA VÁSQUEZ AND SEAN M. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CELEBRATING WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH AND THE MAJORITY-WOMEN COOK  
COUNTY BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, March is Women’s History Month which recognizes and honors the contributions, sacrifice, and perseverance of women throughout history; and

**WHEREAS**, the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution, granting women the right to vote, was ratified on August 18, 1920; and

**WHEREAS**, the fight for electoral equality continued after the 19th amendment was ratified, as women of color faced extraordinary barriers to suffrage. African American, Latina, Native American and Asian American women fought for enfranchisement throughout the 20th century; and

**WHEREAS**, Women’s History Month is a time to celebrate those who have fought tirelessly for equal rights, protections, and opportunities for all. Each step forward for women has come on the backs of those who came before and with great struggle against patriarchy and oppression; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress officially passed legislation in 1987 designating March as Women’s History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has been a leader in the advancement of women’s rights throughout its history, and this month is a time to acknowledge the women who have shaped this county, country, and world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues was created by Resolution of the Cook County Board of Commissioners in October of 1995. The Commission is composed of 21 women of various racial, economic, ethnic, and occupational backgrounds, with the goal of addressing a variety of issues affecting the status of women and girls, including domestic violence, childcare, economic equity, and health; and

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**WHEREAS**, Cook County now marks a historic milestone with the first women-majority Board in its history, led by Board President Toni Preckwinkle and including nine (9) women Commissioners: Commissioner of the 1st District, Tara S. Stamps, Commissioner of the 5th District, Dr. Kisha E. McCaskill, Commissioner of the 6th District, Donna Miller, Commissioner of the 7th District, Alma E. Anaya, Commissioner of the 8th District, Jessica Vásquez, Commissioner of the 9th District, Maggie Trevor, Commissioner of the 10th District, Bridget Gainer, Commissioner of the 12th District, Bridget Degnen, and Commissioner of the 13th District, Josina Morita; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County further benefits from the service of other women currently elected to countywide office, including State’s Attorney Eileen O’Neill Burke; County Clerk Monica Gordon; Clerk of the Circuit Court Mariyana Spyropoulos; County Treasurer Maria Pappas; and Board of Review Commissioner Samantha Steele; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County also honors the legacy of the 23 women who previously served on the Cook County Board and whose leadership paved the way for this historic majority: Anna Bemis, Anna Nowak, Mildred Fleming, Mary McEnerney, Marie Coyle, Amelia Sears, Elizabeth A. Conkey, Lucy Palermo, Lillian Piotrowski, Ruby Ryan, Josephine B. Sneed, Irene C. Hernandez, Mildred Casey, Mary Mix McDonald, Rose-Marie Love, Bobbie L. Steele, Maria Pappas, Deborah Sims, Darlena Williams-Burnett, Earlean Collins, Joan Patricia Murphy, Elizabeth Ann Doody Gorman and Monica Gordon.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes and honors the achievements of locally elected women and the first women-majority Cook County Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes March as Women’s History Month and celebrates the significant achievements and contributions of women in Cook County and beyond.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0984  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE BRIDGET DEGNEN, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,  
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL,  
STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR.,  
TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. ALAN G. SHEPARD**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Alan G. Shepard was born on March 31, 1962, in Detroit, Michigan, and passed away surrounded by his family on January 7, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Shepard was a beloved husband of 36 years to Debbie Shepard and a loving father to Matthew and Rebecca Shepard, and was cherished by his family, friends, colleagues, patients, and students; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Shepard was widely regarded as a preeminent general neurologist throughout the Chicagoland area, dedicating more than three decades to the practice of medicine and to caring for the health and well-being of his patients; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Shepard attended Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine and completed his neurology training in 1992 at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, followed by a fellowship in neurophysiology at Rush University Medical Center; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his 32-year career, Dr. Shepard never refused a request to see a patient, no matter how busy he was, and he cared for countless individuals with compassion, dignity, and unwavering dedication; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Shepard was deeply committed to medical education and mentorship, teaching and guiding hundreds of medical students and residents throughout his career, and in recognition of his dedication to teaching he received the Nicholas Vick Teaching Award in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the conclusion of his distinguished career, Dr. Shepard received the Neurology Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his lifetime of service to his patients and the medical profession; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Shepard was beloved by his staff and respected by his colleagues, and since his passing many patients, friends, and fellow physicians have shared heartfelt tributes reflecting on his kindness, generosity, and profound impact on their lives; and

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**WHEREAS**, beyond his medical career, Dr. Shepard had a lifelong passion for music, dating back to his high school band, and he enjoyed playing guitar, performing at local open mic events, and listening to Delta blues legends including Big Bill Broonzy, Howlin' Wolf, and Muddy Waters; and

**WHEREAS**, he took great pride in his children, a Public Defender and a philanthropy professional, and in the life he built with his family; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Shepard's warmth, humor, and generosity touched the lives of all who knew him; and his legacy lives on through the countless patients he cared for, the students he mentored, the colleagues he inspired, and the family who loved him dearly.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Alan G. Shepard; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Dr. Alan G. Shepard as a symbol of our respect, admiration, and heartfelt condolences.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0776  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,  
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY,  
STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR.,  
TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBURARY AS HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH  
AMOUNG THE OLDER ADULT GRAY WAVE POPULATION IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, homelessness among older adults, often referred to as the “Gray Wave”, has emerged as one of the fastest-growing and most urgent housing crises in the United States, impacting individuals aged 60 and over who are increasingly experiencing homelessness for the first time later in life; and

**WHEREAS**, the term “Gray Wave” has been used nationally since the mid-to-late 2010s to describe the sharp rise in homelessness among aging adults, driven by structural economic factors rather than chronic instability; and

**WHEREAS**, homelessness serves as a direct catalyst for health deterioration among older adults, accelerating chronic disease progression, physical and cognitive decline, and mental health conditions, while increasing vulnerability to injury, exposure, and premature death; and

**WHEREAS**, homelessness among older adults constitutes a public health crisis, increasing reliance on emergency rooms, hospitals, and crisis care systems that are not designed to provide long-term stabilization or preventative health services; and

**WHEREAS**, homelessness in older adults significantly increases public costs, including emergency room utilization, hospital admissions, and long-term care expenditures, making housing stability and prevention strategies both fiscally responsible and humane; and

**WHEREAS**, older adults experiencing homelessness face heightened risks of chronic illness, disability, mental health challenges, and premature mortality, while encountering barriers to shelters and services not designed to accommodate age-related health and mobility needs; and

**WHEREAS**, contributing factors to older adult homelessness include rising housing costs that outpace fixed incomes, medical debt, late-life job loss, age discrimination, loss of a spouse, caregiving strain, and a severe shortage of affordable and accessible senior housing; and

**WHEREAS**, in Cook County, approximately five percent of the homeless population-an estimated 800 older adults-are age 55 and older, a figure widely acknowledged by service providers to be undercounted due to seniors living in vehicles, doubled-up housing, or avoiding shelters altogether; and

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**WHEREAS**, statewide and national data demonstrate accelerating trends, with experts warning that older adult homelessness in the United States is projected to triple by the year 2030 if preventative action is not taken; and

**WHEREAS**, homelessness among older adults is not only a housing issue, but a matter of public health, equity, fiscal responsibility, and human dignity, disproportionately affecting individuals who have contributed to families, workplaces, and communities throughout their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, early intervention strategies including eviction prevention, rental assistance, income stabilization, and permanent supportive housing have been proven to reduce homelessness, improve health outcomes, and lower public costs more effectively than emergency response alone; and

**WHEREAS**, raising public awareness is a necessary first step in mobilizing coordinated action among county agencies, municipalities, healthcare systems, service providers, community organizations, and residents to prevent and end homelessness among older adults.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board, led by President Toni Preckwinkle, and with the resolution sponsored by Dr. Kisha E. McCaskill hereby declares the month of February as Homelessness Awareness Month Among the Older Adult Gray Wave Population; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this designation shall raise awareness of the growing crisis of older adult homelessness, elevate the lived experiences of affected residents, and encourage collaboration across county departments, healthcare institutions, service providers, and community partners; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Cook County reaffirms its commitment to pursuing policies, programs, and partnerships that prioritize prevention, housing stability, health equity, and dignity for older adults at risk of or experiencing homelessness Dated this 5th day of February 2026.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0981  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,  
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY,  
DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR.,  
TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ESTELLE LOLA MAYME JONES LONG**

**WHEREAS**, Estelle J. Long (née Jones) born on August 13, 1920, in Evanston, Illinois, daughter of Albert and Nancy Jones, was shaped by a family rooted in discipline, education, artistry, and patriotism-values that guided her through a lifetime of quiet strength and courageous leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, we pause in solemn respect and profound gratitude to honor the life and legacy of Estelle Lola Mayne Jones Long, whose remarkable 105 years stand as a testament to faith, resilience, service, and enduring love; and

**WHEREAS**, as a young woman, she demonstrated uncommon bravery and conviction, standing firmly for dignity and fairness during a time of deep racial injustice, using her voice, intellect, and presence to advocate for equal treatment and respect; and

**WHEREAS**, during World War II, she answered the call to serve her nation through civilian defense work, contributing her talents to critical wartime industries and embodying the spirit and sacrifice of the “Rosie the Riveter” generation; and

**WHEREAS**, she built a life anchored in love and partnership with her beloved husband, Albin C. Long, a United States Army Drill Sergeant, and together they established a home in Chicago’s Chatham community where they raised five children with unwavering commitment, discipline, and purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, her professional journey reflects excellence and perseverance, as she dedicated more than 40 years to public service with the City of Chicago, rising to become a respected accountant in the Comptroller’s Office while also earning both her undergraduate and master’s degrees in public administration from Roosevelt University; and

**WHEREAS**, her faith and service extended far beyond her professional career, as she remained deeply engaged in her church, her community, and the lives of others-mentoring youth, uplifting families, and advocating for seniors, leaving an indelible mark on all who had the privilege to know her; and

**WHEREAS**, her greatest legacy lives on through her beloved family: her children, Carol Long, Richard Long, Patsy Walker, Nancy Long, and Gerald Long; her cherished grandchildren, Aisha Hill, Aziza Benson, Wahtura Jackson, Jennifer Komis, Rachel Walker, Joseph Walker IV, and Patricia Walker; and her 19 great-grandchildren, all of whom carry forward her strength, values, and spirit; and

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**WHEREAS**, Estelle J. Long’s life was not only measured in years, but in impact-through every barrier she broke, every life she touched, and every generation she inspired-she leaves behind a legacy of dignity, grace, courage, and unwavering love.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor and celebrate the extraordinary life and enduring legacy of Estelle Lola Mayme Jones Long, and extend heartfelt condolences to her family while recognizing that her light continues to shine through the lives she shaped; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Estelle Lola Mayme Jones Long as a symbol of our deepest respect, admiration, and gratitude for a life so beautifully and powerfully lived; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be entered into the official proceedings of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and preserved as part of the County’s permanent archival record, so that the life, legacy, and contributions of Estelle Lola Mayme Jones Long shall remain a lasting part of Cook County history.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-1016  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOSINA MORITA, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,  
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY,  
DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT  
JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF KITTY KNECHT**

**WHEREAS**, Kitty Knecht was born May 19, 1953, in Cincinnati, Ohio and raised in nearby Glendale; and

**WHEREAS**, she graduated from Northwestern University in 1975 and later received a PhD in Cognitive Psychology from the University of California, Berkeley, she returned to Chicago in 1982 to do marketing research for the Quaker Oats Corporation; and

**WHEREAS**, for 16 years, Ms. Knecht served as Board Chair of Marketplace: Handiwork of India, a fair-trade non-profit organization increasing economic opportunities for women artisans of India through the marketing of their handiwork; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Knecht joined Indivisible Evanston in 2017, where she advocated to protect voting rights, immigrant rights, LGBTQIA+ rights, to promote gender and racial equity and to oppose the rising tide of authoritarianism. Since 2020, she tirelessly served on the Leadership Team; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Knecht was a vibrant and passionate community activist who touched so many with her generous spirit; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Knecht was a best friend and devoted wife to her husband of 43 years, Raymond H. Dye, Jr., a professor of Psychology and Neuroscience at Loyola University Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Knecht is survived by her daughters Caitlyn Dye, Amanda Dye, her son-in-law Rodolfo Sanchez Sarracino, and her grandson Nico, and will be lovingly remembered by her sister Carolyn Knecht and brother Joseph Knecht, her sister-in-law Anne Chipman, her brother-in-law David Dye, and her stepmother Sherrin Ashcraft.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, Cook County Commissioner Josina Morita, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Kitty Knecht; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Kitty Knecht, a symbol of our respect, admiration, and heartfelt condolences.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-1010  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,  
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY,  
DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING ALISON TEEVAN AS MOUNT PROSPECT'S FIRST FEMALE  
COMMANDER**

**WHEREAS**, Alison Teevan is an 18-year veteran of the Mount Prospect Police Department who began her career as a patrol officer in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, Teevan was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in September of 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her career, Teevan has additionally served as an investigator with the Special Investigations Unit, a detective, youth officer, task force officer assigned to the FBI, task force officer assigned to the DEA, patrol sergeant, and detective sergeant; and

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**WHEREAS**, Teevan has also served in many roles as a member of the Major Case Assistance Team, including serving as their director for the past three years; and

**WHEREAS**, Teevan has received 15 commendations, 8 honorable mentions, 2 certificates of exceptional performance, and 79 letters of appreciation over her career; and

**WHEREAS**, Teevan has been recognized as an Officer of the Quarter five times in her career and was also runner-up Officer of the Year in 2009, 2010, and 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Teevan was selected as the department's Officer of the Year recipient in 2013 and 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, she also received the Cook County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Award of Merit in 2013 and the Cook County Crime Stoppers Excellence in Law Enforcement Award in 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Teevan also oversees the Mount Prospect Police Department's Women in Leadership program, which empowers the department's female team members by helping them develop leadership skills, foster professional growth, and creating a supportive network for team members; and

**WHEREAS**, Teevan has become known for her strong leadership skills, professionalism, attention to detail, strategic vision, and willingness to go above and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 2, 2026, Commander Edward Szmegalski retired after 33 years of service to Mount Prospect, leaving the role of Patrol Commander of the dayshift patrol vacant; and

**WHEREAS**, on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, the Mount Prospect Police Department promoted Sergeant Alison Teevan to the rank of Commander; and

**WHEREAS**, with this promotion, Commander Teevan has become the first female commander in the history of the Mount Prospect Police Department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extend their heartfelt congratulations to Mount Prospect Police Commander Alison Teevan on her much-deserved recent promotion and the historic significance it has on her department and community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to Alison Teevan.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
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Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0996  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, SCOTT R. BRITTON, BRIDGET DEGNEN,  
MICHAEL SCOTT JR., JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA,  
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL,  
STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON, TARA S. STAMPS AND  
MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY 2026**

**WHEREAS**, International Transgender Day of Visibility is recognized every year on March 31<sup>st</sup> to celebrate the joy and resilience of trans and non-binary people everywhere by elevating voices and experiences from these communities while also drawing attention to the disproportionate levels of poverty, discrimination, and violence the community faces compared to cisgender people; and

**WHEREAS**, International Transgender Day of Visibility was created in 2010 by trans advocate Rachel Crandall, the head of Transgender Michigan, who created the day in response to the overwhelming majority of media stories about transgender people being focused on violence and hoped to create a day where people could celebrate the lives of transgender people -- while simultaneously acknowledging that due to discrimination, not every trans person can or wants to be visible; and

**WHEREAS**, these celebrations, acknowledgements, and remembrances are vital affirmations of the lives of transgender people in our communities as they continue to face extreme institutional discrimination and violence on the basis of their gender identities; and

**WHEREAS**, Swedish freestyle skier Elis Lundholm, a trans man assigned female at birth, made history this year as the first transgender athlete allowed to participate in the Winter Olympics, finishing 25th in women's moguls qualifying; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Pew Research Center's 2025 report, 56% of adults express support for policies aimed at protecting trans people from discrimination in jobs, housing, and public spaces; and

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**WHEREAS**, however, according to Trans Legislation Tracker, with over 1,000 bills introduced, 2025 was the sixth consecutive record-breaking year for total bills considered -- up from 701 bills considered in 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, in just 2025 alone, there were 12 Executive Orders signed by President Donald Trump with the express purpose of targeting the transgender community's access to gender-affirming healthcare, ability to play sports, ability to serve in the military, and simple ability to live authentically without fear of retribution and/or violence; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Trans Legislation Tracker, since 2021 there have been over 2,600 bills introduced nationwide that target and discriminate against transgender people, in particular transgender youth; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Trans Legislation Tracker, there has already been 680 active anti-trans bills introduced this year across 41 states, with 110 of those being federal; and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently 28 anti-trans bills in Illinois this year, impacting categories including education, sports, healthcare, bathroom access, incarceration; and

**WHEREAS**, eight anti-trans bills have already been passed in 2026 across the states of Indiana, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, and Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, one of these bills, Kansas Senate Bill 244, was recently passed into law on February 18, 2026, when the Kansas legislature voted to override Governor Laura Kelly's veto on the bill; and

**WHEREAS**, SB244 requires the designation of multiple-occupancy private spaces in public buildings for use by only one sex and imposes criminal and civil penalties for violations, defines the term "gender" to mean biological sex at birth for purposes of statutory construction, directs the Division of Vehicles to invalidate and reissue driver's licenses to correct the gender identification on such licenses and directing the Office of Vital Statistics to invalidate and reissue birth certificates when necessary to correct the sex identification on such certificates; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 244 also expressly allows for bounty-style lawsuits to be filed by those who believe they've shared a bathroom with a transgender person for "damages" of at least \$1,000; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of SB 244, the Kansas state government has now invalidated the driver's licenses and birth certificates of more than a thousand transgender people who changed the gender or sex markers on those documents; and

**WHEREAS**, of the 680 bills being actively considered in 2026, 348 relate to education and/or healthcare; and

**WHEREAS**, of the 680 bills being actively considered in 2026, 94 target athletics in K-12 and higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, of the 680 bills being actively considered in 2026, 40 would restrict access to public facilities, including bathrooms; and

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**WHEREAS**, of the 680 bills being actively considered in 2026, 23 target gender non-conforming events and the businesses that host them; and

**WHEREAS**, it should be highlighted that as these pieces of legislation frequently targets transgender youth, they also harm our intersex youth as lawmakers attach explicit exceptions to these bills allowing for surgeons to operate on intersex children before even the patients themselves can consent, making clear that these bills are about erasing bodily diversity, not protecting anyone; and

**WHEREAS**, now more than ever our transgender and nonbinary siblings are experiencing significant political attacks by extremists legislating hate in the states, in Congress, and in the White House; and

**WHEREAS**, despite facing these new and increasingly hostile proposed pieces of legislation, the Transgender community continues to battle what the American Medical Association declared in 2019 as an Epidemic of Violence Against the Transgender Community, especially noting the amplified physical dangers faced by transgender people of color; and

**WHEREAS**, International Transgender Day of Visibility aims to raise awareness about critical issues facing the community and to celebrate the richness and diversity that exists within the transgender community; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the UCLA School of Law Williams Institute, there are an estimated 2.8 million people ages 13+ who identify as transgender in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, only one quarter of individuals who identify as transgender are between the ages of 13 and 17, making up merely 3.3% of the United States' total youth population; and

**WHEREAS**, in Illinois about 27,500 youth between the ages of 13 and 17 identify as transgender, or roughly 3.2% of Illinois' total youth population; and

**WHEREAS**, in Illinois about 65,400 adults age 18+ identify as transgender, or 0.7% of Illinois' total adult population; and

**WHEREAS**, our Trans and non-binary community are parents and family members, our coworkers, our neighbors, and our friends; and

**WHEREAS**, despite this onslaught of hatred on our Transgender Community, it remains vital that we celebrate and uplift the transgender, non-binary, and gender-nonconforming people who have continued to serve their communities despite the continuous attacks they face, including: Admiral Rachel L. Levine - the first trans presidential appointment as HHS Assistant Secretary, Virginia State Senator Danica Roem - the first openly transgender person to be elected and serve in a state legislature in U.S. history, Delaware Congresswoman Sarah McBride - the first openly transgender Congresswoman in U.S. history, Minneapolis City Council President Andrea Jenkins - the first Black openly transgender woman elected to public office in the United States, Commissioner Precious Brady-Davis - the first black trans woman to be elected to the MWRD, and Cook County Judge Jill Rose Quinn - the first openly transgender circuit court judge in the State of Illinois and the first openly transgender elected official in the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate the great work of trans-led organizations and individuals who have advanced visibility and the well-being of the transgender community; and

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**WHEREAS**, Cook County continues its commitment to the work of uplifting and protecting transgender, non-binary, and gender-nonconforming people as we continue to work toward enacting equitable policies to uplift marginalized citizens and eliminating violence toward them.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby reaffirm its commitment to the transgender and non-binary community and recognizes March 31, 2026, as International Transgender Day of Visibility; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Cook County continues its dedication to our historic protections enshrining rights to bodily autonomy across Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-1003  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,  
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGLEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY,  
DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING SCHAUMBURG VILLAGE MANAGER BRIAN TOWNSEND FOR 25 YEARS  
OF SERVICE**

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**WHEREAS**, Brian Townsend began his service to Schaumburg Village, when he started as an intern working out of a small space in the basement of Village Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, he stayed on with the Village, later advancing to Assistant Village Manager, until 2005 when he went on to serve as City Administrator for the City of St. Charles; and

**WHEREAS**, during Townsend's tenure in St. Charles the city completed a new fire department headquarters in the downtown St. Charles, remodeled and expanded its public works facility, established a new water treatment facility, completed a new wastewater treatment facility, and upgraded the electric system to enhance reliability; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian then returned to Schaumburg to serve as Schaumburg's Village Manager in August of 2013, and has now held the position for nearly 13 years; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time as Village Manager, Brian has been vital to improvements including transforming an abandoned hot dog stand on Algonquin Road from an eyesore to an attractive northeastern gateway to Schaumburg; and

**WHEREAS**, he was also essential in working with the County to relocate its Department of Transportation and Highways location and working to transform that building into part of Schaumburg's Entertainment District; and

**WHEREAS**, at the February 24<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting, Village Manager Brian Townsend was recognized for 25 years of dedicated service to the Village of Schaumburg.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate and thank Schaumburg Village Manager Brian Townsend on his 25 years of dedicated public service; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to Brian Townsend.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0989  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE MICHAEL SCOTT JR., ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,  
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY,  
DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CELEBRATING CLEVELAND WASHINGTON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY**

**WHEREAS**, Cleveland Washington, at 100 years old, is deeply loved and respected by his family, fellow church members, and the residents of Chicago's West Side community, where he has lived for more than seven decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Cleveland Washington has faithfully served as an usher at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church for an extraordinary 81 years, demonstrating unwavering dedication, humility, and commitment to his congregation, and he is also a respected member of the State Ushers; and

**WHEREAS**, Cleveland Washington was born on January 22, 1926, in Lelahatchee, Alabama, and raised in Montgomery, Alabama, where he completed his elementary and high school education; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from high school, Mr. Washington proudly served his country in the United States Navy during World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, following his honorable discharge in 1946, Mr. Washington relocated to Chicago, where he built a life grounded in faith, family, and service to others; and

**WHEREAS**, it was in Chicago that he met and married the love of his life, Addie, and together they shared 57 years of marriage until her passing; and

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**WHEREAS**, Mr. Washington has lived at the same address since 1949, contributing to the stability, strength, and spirit of his community for generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Cleveland Washington is the proud patriarch of a large and loving family, including two daughters, three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson; and

**WHEREAS**, even at 100 years old, Mr. Washington continues to live an active and vibrant life-he still drives, maintains a garden, cares for his yard, walks daily, and cooks for himself and his loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, Cleveland Washington is known for his sense of humor, generosity, and unwavering support for his family, who affectionately say, “He is hilarious and the family’s biggest supporter- to know him is to love him”.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby proudly recognizes and celebrates Cleveland Washington on the extraordinary occasion of his 100th birthday and extends heartfelt gratitude for his lifetime of service, faith, and dedication to his family and community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Cleveland Washington and his family as a symbol of admiration, respect, and congratulations on this remarkable milestone.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0988  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE MICHAEL SCOTT JR., ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,  
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY,  
DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND JESSICA VÁSQUEZ,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING DOROTHY FERGUSON FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE AND COMMUNITY  
LEADERSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Ferguson was born on May 28, 1933, in Georgia, where she attended Moultrie Elementary and High School before continuing her education at the College for Colored Girls in Albany, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Ferguson later relocated to Chicago, Illinois, where she built a life rooted in service, leadership, and dedication to strengthening her community; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Ferguson is the proud mother of Caroline Turner, grandmother to Montana Durden, and great-grandmother to Amir Durden, and her family remains a central part of her legacy; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Ferguson built a distinguished professional career working at AMP and People's Gas, where she demonstrated a strong work ethic and commitment before retiring after years of dedicated service; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2003 Ms. Ferguson joined the Central West Regional Senior Center, where she quickly became known as a passionate advocate for seniors, an active volunteer, and a respected leader who helped foster meaningful relationships and community among fellow seniors; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Ferguson served on the City of Chicago Senior Advisory Council for more than twenty years, dedicating her time and voice to advocating for programs, services, and policies that support the well-being and dignity of older adults; and

**WHEREAS**, a woman of many talents, Ms. Ferguson has been a longtime member of the Chicago Hoofers Senior Tap group, enjoys line dancing, and once played in a Senior Basketball League before later serving as a coach, demonstrating her vibrant spirit and commitment to active living; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Ferguson's dedication to service and community has earned her numerous honors, including the Chicago Senior Citizen Hall of Fame (2005), Chicago Park District Senior of the Year (2009), the SHARE Senior Honor Medal Award (2008), the Senior of the Year Distinguished Service Award (2018), the Pillar Excellence Award from Lawndale, and multiple appreciation and volunteer awards from the Chicago Police Department's 11th District recognizing her years of outstanding service; and

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**WHEREAS**, through her leadership, volunteerism, and tireless advocacy, Ms. Ferguson has uplifted countless individuals and strengthened the fabric of her community, embodying the spirit of service celebrated through the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Award.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Dorothy Ferguson for her lifelong commitment to service, leadership, and advocacy for seniors in the City of Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dorothy Ferguson as a token of the gratitude and respect.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**26-0985  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,  
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY,  
DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION HONORING CENTRO SAN BONIFACIO ON THEIR 35TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Centro San Bonifacio was founded in 1991 as an act of community solidarity by a group of working-class Hispanic immigrant families after the closure of the St. Bonifacio Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization was created with the intentional vision of being led by and in service of the Latin American immigrant community of the Northwest Side of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro San Bonifacio built itself from the ground up with their humble beginnings, having started in a board member's apartment, until it became the self-sustaining community organization it is today; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past thirty-five years, Centro San Bonifacio has upheld its mission to promote the self-empowerment and self-development of its neighbors and the Latino immigrant community at large; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro San Bonifacio continues its vision by offering programming in the areas of health, education, solidarity, human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro San Bonifacio's fundamental methodology is the training and mobilization of community health workers (Promotores de Salud), an internationally recognized model of global health equity; and

**WHEREAS**, community health workers are defined by the American Public Health Association as, "a frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of and/or has an unusually close understanding of the community served;" and

**WHEREAS**, this unique role places Promotores de Salud as liaisons for health and social services, becoming a bridge for systemic health inequities often created due to cultural or linguistic barriers; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro San Bonifacio's Promotores de Salud are integral to their mission, as protagonists and activists for health promotion and disease prevention who share similar culture, language, values, and life experiences of the community within which they are working; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro San Bonifacio's Promotores de Salud have created holistic health promotion initiatives in the visual arts, music, mental health and well-being, youth development, workforce preparation, urban gardening and placemaking, and social-emotional learning; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro San Bonifacio's Promotores de Salud stand in solidarity with the newest arrivals to Chicago and their most vulnerable peers, typically families who have fled violence, natural disasters, and extreme poverty, through their Illinois Welcoming and Immigrant Family Resource Centers; and

**WHEREAS**, this institution believes in nurturing youth and has invested in them through their Together We Shine (Juntos Brillamos) Program that connects children and young adults to activities such as art classes, open mic stages, civic engagement, tutoring, and urban gardening in order to help them build social-emotional health; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro San Bonifacio created Café Fénix, a community coffee shop and neighborhood gathering space run by Cooperativa Fenix, a women's cooperative also launched by the organization; and  
**WHEREAS**, Centro San Bonifacio has overcome many hardships and struggles throughout its history, and, like Café Fénix, they too rose from the ashes through dedication, compassion, and community solidarity.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and congratulate Centro San Bonifacio on their undeniable impact on the Latino immigrant families of the Northwest Side of Chicago and Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the leadership of Centro San Bonifacio as a token of appreciation for the 35 years of global health equity they have pioneered to our most vulnerable communities.

Approved and adopted this 12th of March 2026

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:**

**Yeas:** Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Moore, Morita, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

**Nays:** None (0)

**Absent:** Commissioner Aguilar, Miller, and K. Morrison (3)

**The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, that the meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on April 16, 2026, in accordance with County Board Resolution 26-0385.**

**The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.**

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