



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**Consent Agenda**

**Thursday, November 16, 2023, 10:00 AM**

**Second Set**

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**Sponsored by:** ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF CHICAGO WOMEN IN TRADE**

**WHEREAS**, founded by tradeswomen in 1981, Chicago Women in Trades (CWIT) is driven by their mission to ensure that all women who want to work with their hands and earn a good living have equal access to information, training, pay, and employment opportunities in the industry; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Pew Research Center, there is still a gap between the earnings of men and women in the United States in the past two decades, with the average woman earning 82 cents for every dollar earned by men; and

**WHEREAS**, led by tradeswomen, CWIT continues to work toward changing these statistics by providing support and education to tradeswomen; and

**WHEREAS**, CWIT believes that it is crucial to increase the training for women and girls to enter nontraditional jobs, providing technical assistance to employers, unions, and other tradeswomen groups, documenting trends in the nontraditional workplace; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also crucial to advocate for improved policies and practices that support women's access to nontraditional training and jobs as well as success and safety on the job; and

**WHEREAS**, to ensure that women are qualified for and advance in various occupations, CWIT has partnered with the Jane Addams Resource Corporation to provide women with instructions to prepare them for entry-level manufacturing jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the 12 weeks full-time training program also provides successful graduates with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10 certifications as well as American Welding Society credentials; and

**WHEREAS**, CWIT also works to provide a wide range of technical assistance services through their Technical Opportunities Program and resources that support apprenticeship programs, employers, training providers, and the workforce system in setting and meeting gender equality goals; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the technical assistance includes toolkits, best practice briefs, curriculum, staffing training, replicable program models, and other resource strategies that have proven successful in attracting and retaining women in these fields; and

**WHEREAS**, CWIT also offers Women Build Illinois (WBI), which is a 10-week training program that

includes an expanded focus on basic construction skills, hands-on training, and industry-recognized credentials provided directly by apprenticeship programs, contractors, and tradeswomen; and

**WHEREAS**, CWIT promotes trade women's self-advocacy to advance policy campaigns and change the industry; and

**WHEREAS**, CWIT provides education, support groups, and development, mentoring, resources, and guidance in understanding their rights, resolving issues on the job, and advancing into leadership positions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor the 40th Anniversary of Chicago Women in Trade (CWIT); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Chicago Women in Trade (CWIT) in honor of its outstanding achievements and their 40th anniversary.

[23-5881](#)

**Sponsored by:** DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED MEN OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INC. FOR THEIR FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION**

**WHEREAS**, On the evening of November 17, 1911, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was founded inside the Science Building (later renamed Thirkield Hall) at Howard University located in Washington, D.C. The founders were three undergraduates -- Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper and Frank Coleman. Joining them was their faculty adviser, Ernest Everett Just; and

**WHEREAS**, from the initials of the Greek phrase meaning, "friendship is essential to the soul". The name Omega Psi Phi was derived. That phrase was selected as the motto; and

**WHEREAS**, The Cardinal Principles of Omega Psi Phi are Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift; and

**WHEREAS**, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is the first international fraternal organization founded on the campus of a historically black college; and

**WHEREAS**, Notable members include Michael Jordan, Langston Hughes, Jessie Jackson, Congressman Clybourne, Percy Julian, Tom Joyner, L Douglas Wilder, and Cook County's Dennis Deer and City of Chicago's John Roberson; and

**WHEREAS**, Everyone's life has been touched by a Man of Omega Psi Phi, one member, Dr. Charles

Drew, perfected the use of blood plasma, which led to the establishment of Blood Banks. These Blood Banks save millions of lives every year; and

**WHEREAS**, Members are Politicians, Scientists, Mentors, Fathers, Entrepreneurs, Entertainers, and Community Leaders. Members include the First African-American Olympian, William DeHart Hubbard and Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who established what we know today as Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, There are eight active Chapters Chartered in Cook County, Sigma Omega, Iota, Epsilon Eta, Rho Gamma Gamma, Theta Kappa Kappa, Chi Lambda Lambda, Omicron Mu Mu, and Rho Mu Mu; and

**WHEREAS**, Every year, these Chapters donate over \$100,000 in scholarships to high school students, donate hundreds of pints of blood, Mentors young people, and contributes over \$50,000 to the College Endowment Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapters also conduct Voter Registration, Education, and Mobilization drives, highlight the best high school talent for the annual Talent Hunt, and Social Action Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Omegas conduct education on health Initiatives focusing on Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, and other prevalent issues effecting the residents of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, The Men of Omega Psi Phi has held Ques4Peace marches throughout Cook County to fight youth violence; and

**WHEREAS**, On Friday, November 17, 2023, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will celebrate their founders day where individuals are recognized for their contributions to Community Uplift via Citizen of the Year and Omega Man of the Year awards and service to the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on behalf of the President, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the 5.4 million residents of Cook County take great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the men of Omega Psi Phi for their leadership, dedication and commitment, and Founder's Day celebration herewith express our sincere gratitude for your service to the community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this Resolution is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in honor of this auspicious occasion.

[23-5885](#)

**Sponsored by:** DENNIS DEER and ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE 45th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHINESE AMERICAN SERVICE LEAGUE (CASL)**

**WHEREAS**, the Chinese American Service League (CASL) is an all-inclusive non-profit agency with 45 years of experience educating youth, caring for seniors, training the workforce, placing immigrants on the path to citizenship, and securing our community's housing and financial well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, CASL's mission is to build on the wisdom of generations. They catalyze the transformation of individuals, families, and the community for an equitable future; and

**WHEREAS**, their vision includes individuals, families, and communities- inspired by tradition to thrive and prosper in a diverse and inclusive world; and

**WHEREAS**, their core values consist of inclusivity, empowerment, collaboration, transformation, resiliency; and

**WHEREAS**, some of their children and youth services include a home visiting program, early learning school time parent cooperative, child development center, school ages center, and after-after-school matters; and

**WHEREAS**, some of their adult services include the Illinois welcoming center, citizenship and immigration, housing program, adult employment, healthcare and wellness, food and nutrition services, English language, financial literacy, public benefits and limited access home repairs for seniors; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the senior services they have include adult day service, in-home service Pine Tree Senior Council; and

**WHEREAS**, they also have a Behavioral Health and Clinical Service (BHCS) that provides quality, person-centered, and culturally competent care to help families and individuals of all ages and backgrounds achieve healthy living, which can be offered virtually, through telehealth and in-person; and

**WHEREAS**, CASL also partners with Chicago Volunteer Legal Service (CVLS) and volunteer attorneys, law students, translators, and interpreters to provide legal assistance to clients on a range of issues such as consumer debt, divorce, discrimination, family, foreclosure, guardianship, immigration, landlord/tenants, title and property claims, and wills and advance directives; and

**WHEREAS**, they also have a Community Equity Research Center (CERC) that promotes inclusion and

community empowerment by using data to shape policy, advocacy, and education efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, CERC also works with CASL's Center for Social Impact (CSI) to improve the well-being of our community and clients; and

**WHEREAS**, CASL was also selected by the Asian American Foundation (TAAF) to operate the Anti-Hate Action Center in Chicago, which focuses on protecting, responding to, preventing, and tracking hate crimes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor the 45th Anniversary of the Chinese American Service League; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Chinese American Service League in honor of its outstanding achievements and their 45th anniversary.

[23-5891](#)

**Sponsored by:** DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING MRS. FREDONIA BEY 100TH BIRTHDAY**

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Fredonia Bey was born on January 26, 1922, in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, she attended the Lutheran Academy in Alabama and later studied at Emanuel Lutheran College in Greensboro, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Fredonia Bey relocated to Chicago, Illinois in 1941 where she met her late husband, Ira Bey; and

**WHEREAS**, Fredonia Bey and the late Ira Bey had nine children Kira (deceased), Renee, Milton (deceased), Denise, Fredonia, Michelle, and Laura Bey; and

**WHEREAS**, Fredonia Bey is the proud grandparent of 30 children; and

**WHEREAS**, Fredonia Bey was employed by the Cook County Sherriff Office as a court bailiff and retired from the Secretary of State of Illinois office; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 20 years she was a private home caretaker; and

**WHEREAS**, Fredonia Bey attends the New Life Deliverance Bible Church under the leadership of Bishop Sharon Gardner; and

**WHEREAS**, Fredonia Bey favorite bible scripture” Trust in the Lord will all thy heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your path; and

**WHEREAS**, earlier this year Mrs. Fredonia Bey celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by family and friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that President Preckwinkle along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the 5.3 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating Mrs. Fredonia Bey on her 100th Birthday and wishes him continued health and happiness for years to come.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this Resolution is shared upon the official proceedings of this honorable body and that an official copy of the same is tendered to Mrs. Fredonia Bey in honor of this auspicious occasion.