



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Virtual Meeting

Consent Agenda

Thursday, April 15, 2021, 10:00 AM

Fourth Set

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Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and JOHN P. DALEY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING FATHER TOM HURLEY FOR HIS LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO OLD ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH AND THE NORTH LAWDALE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Father Tom Hurley, a Roman Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago was ordained in 1993; and

WHEREAS, His priestly service included appointments at Most Holy Redeemer and St. Cajetan Parishes, and St. Joseph College Seminary at Loyola University; and

WHEREAS, Fr. Hurley is the eighth of nine children and was born and raised in the Beverly/Morgan Park neighborhoods of Chicago's South Side; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Fr. Hurley succeeded Fr. Jack Wall, becoming the 17th Pastor of the historic Old St. Patrick's Church in Chicago's West Loop. There, he led a dynamic ministry that today operates with the vision of "Leading a movement of Change within the Catholic Church marked by radical inclusivity, exquisite worship and transformative kinship;" and

WHEREAS, Fr. Hurley serves on the Boards of Marist High School, Frances Xavier Warde School, and The Children At the Crossroads Foundation. He holds degrees from Loyola University Chicago, the University of St. Mary of the Lake, and the University of Notre Dame; and

WHEREAS, Father Hurley and Old St Pat's Church started The Kinship Initiative in the spring of 2011. This initiative is a community development partnership between residents in the North Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago's West Side and Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Despite the racial, religious and political division Father Hurley & Old St. Pat's Church aimed to set a different course where they engaged churches, schools, community organizations, government officials, businesses and individual leaders in North Lawndale and at Old St. Pat's that chose to work together to address the pressing issues of our city and to provide timely resources from Old St. Pats Church to be used in the community of North Lawndale; and

WHEREAS, Father Hurley's legacy of community engagement, commitment to the initiatives of Old St. Patricks Church and commitment to his family will not be forgotten or remiss.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners as well as the Board of Commissioners along with the 5.3 million residents of Cook

County do hereby recognized Father Thomas Hurley for his invaluable, leadership, dedication and commitment to Old St. Patrick's Church and the North Lawndale Community and herewith expresses our sincere gratitude for your service to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to Father Thomas Hurley and copy be placed upon the official record of the honorable body recognizing this auspicious occasion

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Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF STAFF SERGEANT JOSEPH EDWARD HOWARD

WHEREAS, Joseph Edward Howard was born on August 22, 1991 in St. Francis Hospital. He was raised in Evanston, Illinois. He attended Washington and Nichols Schools for grammar school education. For high school, he attended Evanston Township where he excelled in his studies. He developed a contagious and outgoing personality that destined him for leadership. It was here, where he also got the spark to join the armed services. He graduated from Evanston Township in May of 2009; and

WHEREAS, Joseph gravitated to the military and enlisted in December 2009. Here is where he dedicated his life to his country, starting in the Army Reserves. He joined the Active Reserves two years later and was stationed in Minneapolis, Minnesota from 2012-2017. While in Minnesota, he developed many strong relationships and was encouraged to excel and advance his military service, attaining the rank of Sergeant 3rd Class in 2013; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Joseph was reassigned to Long Island, New York where he joined the 7202 Medical Unit. There, he got his wings and became a Paratrooper in February 2018. Joseph completed an Advanced Leadership Course in 2019 and Air Assault Training in March of 2020. After completing this training, he attained the rank of Staff Sergeant in the Summer of 2020. This was an accomplishment that he worked hard to achieve at such a young age. December 2020 marked his 10th anniversary in the Army; and

WHEREAS, Joseph died in the line of duty while serving his country on March 26, 2021. He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving Mother and Father, Yvonne and Kevin; his doting Grandparents, Jameil and Louis; Sister, Kaitlyn; Aunts Terri, Cecelia, and Shannon; Uncles Charles, Isaac, and François; life-long friends; military family; and his beloved Leo and Queen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, honors the life and contributions of Joseph Edward Howard, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he made in service to our country and to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tendered to the family of Staff Sgt. Joseph Edward Howard.