



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HAROLD WASHINGTON CULTURAL CENTER 20TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, it is with great pleasure and deep gratitude that the Cook County Board do hereby proclaim the celebration of a significant milestone - 20 years of unwavering dedication to children, community, and culture at the Harold Washington Cultural Center; and

WHEREAS, the Harold Washington Cultural Center has stood as a beacon of hope and opportunity, illuminating the paths of over 25,000 young individuals annually through its Media and performing arts initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Broadway and Bronzeville program has played a pivotal role in fostering the talents and creativity of our youth, providing them with a platform to showcase their skills and aspirations, thereby guiding them from the streets onto the stage; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the invaluable youth programs, the Harold Washington Cultural Center has forged partnerships with diverse arts organizations, championing STEAM education, dance, theater, improv, and musicianship, thereby cultivating a vibrant and inclusive arts community that celebrates the unique talents of all participants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby commend and celebrate the Harold Washington Cultural Center for its two decades of exemplary service to our children, our community, and our culture; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Let us join in recognizing and honoring the remarkable achievements of the Harold Washington Cultural Center and reaffirm our commitment to supporting and uplifting our youth through the transformative power of the arts.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOSEPHINE MARY REGAN

WHEREAS, We are here to honor and recognize Josephine Mary Regan born on May 31, 1964 to Bridie and Christie Sheerin in Bruree, County Limerick, Ireland; and

WHEREAS, Josie will be remembered by her husband Cyril and her cherished son David as well as her loving mother Bridie in Bruree and her mother-in-law Mary T. in Roscommon; and

WHEREAS, Recognition is given to Josie's caregivers who lovingly watched over her, especially Nancy Bunce who is one of a kind, as well as Judy Petrauskiene, Eileen Nugent, Mary Henry, and the countless doctors and nurses who supported her during her battles; and

WHEREAS, We hold space for her family and friends and remember the countless joyful and cherished memories of times spent with Josie in laughter and love; and

WHEREAS, May the people who take on the important role of coaching the youth, a cause close to Josie's heart continue to do so selflessly by nurturing and mentoring young adults so that they may experience the fulfilling moment when the smile of accomplishment comes over a young athlete's face; and

WHEREAS, We send strength to those who silently battle against cancer and may they recover; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby Honor Josephine Mary Regan, a devoted wife and mother, a loving daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, and dearest friend in both here in the County and in Ireland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Josephine Mary Regan as a token of our deepest sympathies and to acknowledge the profound gratitude and respect we hold for her contributions.

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Sponsored by: FRANK J. AGUILAR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING YOUTH CROSSROADS, INC. ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR FOUNDING

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulates Youth Crossroads, Inc. on their 50th Anniversary since their founding; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, a group of community organizers from Berwyn received state funding to create a three-year project known as the Youth in Crisis Project; and

WHEREAS, the Youth in Crisis project provided crisis intervention for houseless youth, drug abuse counseling, and support services for underserved teens in the west suburbs; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, organizers from the Youth in Crisis Project incorporated the non-profit charitable organization West Suburban Youth Outreach, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, by 1978, the agency moved into its own facility in the City of Berwyn. Over the next three decades the agency continued to grow and expand their services; and

WHEREAS, the new services provided included reaching youth in trouble with police, involved with gangs, or experiencing problems at home, in school, or in the community; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the agency changed its name to Youth Crossroads, Inc. to better reflect the evolution and expansion of services aimed at preventing problems rather than only reacting to issues that had reached the crisis stage; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Youth Crossroads, Inc. formed the Youth Leadership Program to focus on local teens; and

WHEREAS, shortly after, in 2009, Youth Crossroads, Inc. created its Community School Initiative and After-School Program for middle school students; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Youth Crossroads, Inc. began providing school-based counseling to better serve youth; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 Youth Crossroads, Inc. relaunched community services to reach youth outside of school districts; and

WHEREAS, Youth Crossroads, Inc. created a workforce development program to give high school students and young adults the tools and training needed to get good paying jobs and develop careers that they can be proud of; and

WHEREAS, Youth Crossroads, Inc. also created a violence prevention program aimed to reduce gun violence in communities; and

WHEREAS, since its creation, Youth Crossroads, Inc. has served tens of thousands of youths and young adults and their families from Berwyn, Cicero, Stickney, and surrounding communities, and has partnered with more than 100 community organizations to create a network of sources and resources to address the issues facing youth and their families; and

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 honor and celebrate Youth Crossroads, Inc. on their 50th anniversary in April of 2024.

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Sponsored by: FRANK J. AGUILAR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING EL DÍA DEL NIÑO IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Día Del Niño, otherwise known as Day of the Child, is a culturally significant holiday for Mexicans and Mexican Americans; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has a large population of Mexican Americans who have contributed immensely to our county's culture, economy, and communities; and

WHEREAS, children and their families are highly valued in Mexican culture, and this is reflected in the significance of the day; and

WHEREAS, Día Del Niño is celebrated in Mexico on April 30th; and

WHEREAS, in 1924, Mexican President Alvaro Obregon signed the League of Nations' Declaration of the Rights of the Child; and

WHEREAS, in 1925, on the one-year anniversary of the signing, Mexico declared the first annual Día Del Niño celebration; and

WHEREAS, Día Del Niño calls on the charity of individuals and organizations to support educational, health, economic, recreational, and cultural opportunities for children; and

WHEREAS, popular festivities include, the giving of gifts, music, pinatas, and games; and

WHEREAS, throughout Cook County, municipalities, organizations, and individuals organize Día Del Niño celebrations every year, including the Town of Cicero, the City of Berwyn, the Cicero Mexican Cultural Committee, and local school districts; and

WHEREAS, Cook County’s Mexican American community honors their children, families, and culture by continuing to celebrate Día Del Niño throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County understands the importance of supporting children and their families, passing legislation to establish a guaranteed income program, forgive medical debt, and fund violence-prevention initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Cook County knows that continued support for education, health, and recreational initiatives for youth are necessary to increase equitable outcomes in their future; and

WHEREAS, Día Del Niño encompasses Cook County’s commitment to supporting youth residents and their families, and calls on our communities to support, protect, and provide for the children of Cook County; and

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 honor and celebrate Día Del Niño in April of 2024.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND APRIL 24th, 2024, AS “DENIM DAY”

WHEREAS, April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, according to National statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States of America (U.S.) have experienced sexual violence involving physical contact; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, 47% of transgender people experience sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, according to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), on average, there are 433,648 victims of rape and sexual assault each year in the United States of America (U.S.), and;

WHEREAS, the RAINN data assures that every 68 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted, and every 9 minutes, that victim is a child; and

WHEREAS, according to RAINN: only 310 of every 1,000 rapes are reported, only 50 of every 1,000 rapes lead to arrest, and only 25 of every 1,000 rapes lead to conviction in the United States of America (U.S.); and

WHEREAS, according to RAINN, of sexual abuse cases reported to law enforcement, 93% of juvenile victims knew the perpetrator, 59% were acquaintances, 34% were family members, 7% were strangers to the victim; and

WHEREAS, among graduate and professional students, 9.7% of females and 2.5% of males experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation; and

WHEREAS, among undergraduate students, 26.4% of females and 6.8% of males experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation; and

WHEREAS, the Harvard Medical School Center for Primary Care has reported a significant worldwide increase in sexual violence cases since the surge of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, for the past 24 years, Peace Over Violence, a sexual and domestic violence prevention center headquartered in Los Angeles, California, has hosted the Denim Day campaign on a Wednesday in April in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the Denim Day story begins in Italy in 1992, when an 18-year-old girl was raped by the 45-year-old driving instructor who was taking her on her very first driving lesson. He took her to an isolated road, pulled her out of the car, removed her jeans and raped her; and

WHEREAS, after she reported the rape, the perpetrator was arrested, prosecuted, and convicted of rape and sentenced to jail; and

WHEREAS, years later, that conviction was overturned by the Italian Supreme Court using the “jeans alibi” - according to the justices, the woman was wearing tight jeans; therefore, she must have helped the person who raped her remove her jeans, thereby implying consent; and

WHEREAS, the following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the survivors; and

WHEREAS, the Denim Day campaign became official in the United States of America (U.S.) in 1999, where people wore denim in solidarity with women in the Italian Parliament; and

WHEREAS, since then, wearing jeans or other denim apparel on Denim Day has become a symbol of

protest against erroneous and destructive manners of sexual harassment, abuse, assault, and rape; and

WHEREAS, in this sexual violence prevention and education campaign, community members, elected officials, businesses, and students are asked to make a social statement by wearing denim on this day as a visible protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes Wednesday, April 24, 2024, as the 25th Annual Denim Day and uses this opportunity to bring awareness to this issue and advocate for survivors.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING APRIL 30, 2024 AS *DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS* (CHILDREN'S DAY)

WHEREAS, Children's Day has been celebrated annually in México since 1925; and

WHEREAS, this celebration had its origins during Álvaro Obregón's presidential period after the country joined the Geneva Conventions and looked after the wellness of the vulnerable children affected by World War I; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations suggested in 1959 that countries adopt a National Children's Day in honor of the Children's Rights Declaration of 1959; and

WHEREAS, Children are our future and are owed inalienable rights. It is the responsibility of society to ensure their rights are met & protections; and

WHEREAS, Children are citizens of the world who need emotional and physical stability and should not be separated from their parents and family; and

WHEREAS, Children have the right to an education, to enjoy a social life, and to build their futures; and

WHEREAS, Children have the right to food so that they will not suffer from malnutrition and die from hunger; and

WHEREAS, Children have the right to health, to be protected from illness, and to grow and become healthy adults; and

WHEREAS, Children have the right to safe drinking water and proper sanitary conditions; and

WHEREAS, Children have the right to freedom by being able to express themselves, to have opinions, to

have access to information, and to participate in decisions that affect their lives; and

WHEREAS, Children have the right to protection and to live in a secure and caring environment that preserves the child's well-being and

WHEREAS, in many countries April 30, 2024, *Día de Niño* (Children's Day) recognizes the achievements and contributions of children; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes Sunday, April 30th, 2024, as the ***DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS (CHILDREN'S DAY)***.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING APRIL 7TH AS WORLD HEALTH DAY

WHEREAS, April 7 is recognized as World Health Day; and

WHEREAS, around the world, millions of people's right to health is increasingly being threatened. Diseases and disasters loom large as causes of death and disability. Conflicts are devastating lives, causing death, pain, hunger, and psychological distress; and

WHEREAS, in 1948, countries of the world came together and founded the World Health Organization (WHO) to promote health, keep the world safe, and serve the vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, WHO is the United Nations agency that connects nations, partners, and people to promote health, keep the world safe, serve the vulnerable, and champion global efforts to achieve better health for all; and

WHEREAS, WHO plays an essential role in supporting countries to prepare for, detect, respond to, and recover from health emergencies, including pandemics, disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and humanitarian crises; and

WHEREAS, six key programmatic divisions at the WHO headquarters drive action towards the Triple Billion targets; and

WHEREAS, they consist of Universal Health Coverage, Health Emergency Programme, Access to Medicines and Health Products, Antimicrobial Resistance, Science Division as well as Data, Analytics and Delivery for Impact; and

WHEREAS, WHO headquarters held about 134 media briefings as well as had 41 member state briefings and information sessions; and

WHEREAS, during COVID-19, WHO played a crucial role in making sure individuals were safe and aware of what was going on; and

WHEREAS, during COVID-19, WHO made sure to issue a COVID-19 strategic preparedness and Response plan; and

WHEREAS, provided accurate information which exploded dangerous myths; and,

WHEREAS, they ensured vital supplies reached frontline health workers where they shipped more than 2 million items of personal protective equipment to 133 countries; and,

WHEREAS, WHO has trained and mobilized health workers as well during this process; and

WHEREAS, the WHO Council on the Economics of Health for All has found that at least 140 countries recognize health as a human right in their constitution; and

WHEREAS, countries are now passing and putting into practice laws to ensure their populations are entitled to access health services; and

WHEREAS, this underpins the fact that at least 4.5 billion people - more than half of the world's population - were not fully covered by essential health services in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the theme for World Health Day this year is "My health, my right,,"; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme was chosen to champion the right of everyone, everywhere, to have access to quality health services, education, and information, as well as safe drinking water, clean air, good nutrition, quality housing, decent working and environmental conditions, and freedom from discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes Sunday, April 7, 2024, as World Health Day.

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Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA and DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 105TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

WHEREAS, the American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a Patriotic veterans

organization; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion is built on a promise from men and women who swore with their lives to defend and protect the United States through military service; and

WHEREAS, the promise begins at enlistment, grows through training and discipline in the U.S. Armed Forces, and continues after discharge as veterans in service to community, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, focusing on service to veterans, service members, and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there are about 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, México, and the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 1935, Legionnaires Harold Card and Hayes Kennedy organized the first American Legion Boys State at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield, which offer more than 350 young men who attend a session annually an opportunity to learn first-hand the inner workings of a political party and to apply this knowledge in actual practice; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion, for decades, has advocated for change and opportunities for those in the military service; and

WHEREAS, Harry W. Colmery, a former national commander of the American Legion is credited with drawing up the first draft of the GI Bill, which was introduced in the House on Jan. 10, 1944, and in the Senate the following day; and

WHEREAS, the GI Bill has helped qualifying Veterans and their family members receive funds to cover all or some of the costs for school or training; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 1955, President Eisenhower signed into law the Reserve Forces Act of 1955, essentially the outcome of nearly 40 years of American Legion lobbying for compulsory Universal Military Training (UMT); and

WHEREAS, this required all those who entered the armed forces after 9 August 1955 to participate in reserve training following completion of active service and authorized specific sanctions for those who failed to participate; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the American Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, fought for and secured hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for children and youth; and

WHEREAS, today, membership stands at nearly 2 million in more than 13,000 posts worldwide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor the 105th Anniversary of the American Legion; 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 is presented to the American Legion in honor of its outstanding work and its 105th anniversary.

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Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA and STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF TORO'S CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION

WHEREAS, Toro Construction Corporation is one of the fastest-growing Hispanic/Latino construction companies; and

WHEREAS, Toro is a minority, women-owned business and has been active in the Chicagoland area for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, as a certified minority general contractor, Toro fearlessly takes on projects of all sizes, offering not only construction expertise but also invaluable project management services to coordinate specialty trades for both commercial and residential endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Toro also provides design input and engineering solutions as additional valuable services to their clients; and

WHEREAS, Toro employs over 110 people, many of whom are from historically disadvantaged communities, and have completed 300 projects totaling over \$150 million in value and almost 1.5 million work hours; and

WHEREAS, one of Toro's main end goals is to work as a solar contractor without the need for a partnership with an experienced, well-capitalized solar developer; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of Toro Construction Corporation, Luiz Vazquez received the General Contractor of the Year award, awarded by the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor the 10th Anniversary of the Toro Construction Corporation; 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 is presented to the Toro Construction Corporation in honor of its outstanding achievements and its 10th anniversary.

[24-2767](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING CARRIE FULLERTON ON RECEIVING THE 2024 ILLINOIS PARK AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION ROBERT ARTZ LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

WHEREAS, Carrie Fullerton is the Executive Director of the Arlington Heights Park District and the 2024 recipient of the Robert Artz Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois Park & Recreation Association; and

WHEREAS, this Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes that a recipient’s efforts will have had lasting impact and created awareness of the importance of parks and recreation among peers and in the community they serve; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Fullerton is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, earning a Master’s Degree in Recreation, Sport & Tourism Administration, as well as an Associate of Science degree in Cardiac Technology from Harper College; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Fullerton has served as Arlington Heights Park District Executive Director since 2020, deftly managing the park district through the challenges of COVID-19 and ensuring the continuity of park services that were crucial to people’s emotional and physical health during this crisis; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Fullerton has made a career as a Park District leader. Prior to Carrie Fullerton’s tenure at the Arlington Heights Park District, she served as Executive Director of the Bloomingdale Park District for more than eleven years, in addition to roles as Director of Parks & Recreation of Village of Hinsdale, Superintendent of Special Facilities for the Wheeling Park District, and as Division Manager of Facilities for the Schaumburg Park District; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Fullerton was the past recipient of the 2018 Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Honored Professional Award in recognition of her work to pass a \$9.9 million ballot initiative for sports fields and other projects while leading the Bloomingdale Park District in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Fullerton led the collaborative effort to receive a 2023 Open Space Land Acquisition and Development State grant of \$600,000 to help fund the improvements to Recreation Park including a fully accessible playground for people of all abilities; and

WHEREAS, Carrie Fullerton is recognized by her peers, her community, and her colleagues to be a results-oriented leader with expertise in all aspects of leisure service management; and

WHEREAS, as a career professional committed to her industry, Carrie Fullerton is a firm believer that parks and recreation services are essential, and critical to the quality of life in every community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate and commend Carrie Fullerton on this impressive and well-deserved award bestowed by the Illinois Parks and Receptions Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to Carrie Fullerton as a means of conveying our thanks and congratulations for her service to the residents of Cook County.

[24-2724](#)

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IDIOPATHIC HYPERSOMNIA AWARENESS DAY JUNE 1ST

WHEREAS, Idiopathic Hypersomnia (IH) is a serious and chronic neurological disorder that has a considerable, life-altering impact on those living with the condition and their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the main symptom of IH is excessive daytime sleepiness and/or sleeping in excess of 10 hours per night. Additional symptoms commonly include non-restorative sleep, and severe sleep inertia, which is extreme difficulty awakening from sleep, accompanied by feelings of inordinate disorientation upon awakening; and

WHEREAS, this inability to stay awake and alert, an irrepressible need for sleep, and/or lapsing into sleep unexpectedly adversely affects quality of life and wreaks havoc on what most would consider typical day to day activities; and

WHEREAS, patients and their caregivers are often dismissed, misunderstood and stigmatized by loved ones, friends, employers and medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, despite its seriousness, IH is underrecognized, under researched and underdiagnosed which exacerbates the suffering of those affected. This lack of recognition and understanding leads to prolonged struggles with obtaining proper medical care, accessing necessary accommodations, and receiving adequate support. Diagnosis, when it does happen, is often delayed by up to 10 years or longer; and

WHEREAS, the options for treatment are extremely limited in comparison to the gravity of the condition and an incomplete understanding of its pathophysiology. The reason IH occurs remains unknown; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare the first Saturday in June as Idiopathic Hypersomnia Day. We applaud the grassroots organizing being undertaken to raise awareness, improve diagnosis, and encourage and support efforts to increase funding and research in order to provide comprehensive care, as well as a diversity of treatment options covered by insurance and ultimately strive for a cure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to the Hypersomnia Foundation as they approach their inaugural June 1st Idiopathic Hypersomnia Awareness Day.

[24-2739](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING COUNTY MAYO IRELAND

WHEREAS, Mayo Day is a longstanding tradition in County Mayo, Ireland, celebrating its rich culture, heritage, and community; and

WHEREAS, on May 4th, 2024, the 10th anniversary of Mayo Day will be celebrated with a flagship international event at Gaelic Park in Chicago, Cook County; and

WHEREAS, this event will showcase Mayo's music, arts, crafts, food, and family-friendly activities, fostering a sense of connection for those with Mayo heritage in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the event provides an opportunity to celebrate Mayo pride, connect with fellow Mayoans, and strengthen cultural ties within Cook County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that May 4th, 2024, be officially proclaimed as Mayo Day in Cook County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Cook County encourages all residents to participate in the Mayo Day festivities at Gaelic Park and celebrate the vibrant culture and heritage of County Mayo.

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Sponsored by: MONICA GORDON, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF, ERIN CHAVETTA RENEA NELSON, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God to call from our midst our beloved sister, Erin Chavetta Renea Nelson, the cherished daughter of Marisa Scott-Bryant and Eric Nelson, who was born on March 9, 1993, and transitioned to her eternal resting place on April 3rd, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Erin was the second sibling of four, having shared her love and light with her sisters Samantha Scott, Gabrielle Scott, and her brothers Eric Nelson Jr. and Terick Nelson; and

WHEREAS, Erin attended and graduated from Rich Central High School in May of 2011, demonstrating her commitment to education and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, for the past 6 years, Erin diligently served as a Pharmacy Driver for Advocate Home Care Products, Inc., embodying qualities of hard work, dedication, and a passion for aiding others; and

WHEREAS, Erin's radiant spirit, effortless beauty, and boundless love touched the hearts of all who knew her, leaving an indelible mark on this world; and

WHEREAS, Erin cherished her family above all else, finding joy in creating memorable experiences and traveling the world with her loved ones, embodying a zest for life that inspired all those around her; and

WHEREAS, Erin will forever be remembered and deeply missed by her mother Marisa Scott-Bryant and stepfather Ulysis Bryant, her father Eric Nelson, her siblings, her grandmothers Cecelia Scott and Loretta Nelson, her great-grandmother Annie Mitchell, her precious nephew Carter Lester, and a multitude of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the President, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, this legislative body hereby extend our heartfelt condolences and come together to honor the memory of Erin Chavetta Renea Nelson, celebrating her life and the joy she brought to all who knew her; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution presented to Erin's family as a token of our enduring love and support, and that it be recorded in the annals of our community as a testament to the profound impact of Erins's life.

[24-2746](#)

Sponsored by: ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, MAGGIE TREVOR, TARA S. STAMPS, KEVIN B. MORRISON, ALMA E. ANAYA and MONICA GORDON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING WOMEN LEADERS IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY

WHEREAS, the Cook County President and Board of Commissioners have designated the first of May as International Workers' Day, joining the majority of the world's countries in honoring workers and the global labor movement on the anniversary of the 1886 Haymarket Tragedy in the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, women have made significant contributions to the labor movement throughout history by organizing, unionizing, rallying, and inspiring all workers to fight for social and economic justice, better working conditions, immigrant rights, and equal pay across racial and gender lines; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to many historically influential women leaders in the labor movement, such as Lucy Gonzalez Parsons, Jane Addams, Margaret Haley, Sylvia Woods, Reverend Addie Wyatt, Jacqueline B. Vaughn, and Karen Lewis, and many others; and

WHEREAS, in 1910, women led over 40,000 mostly immigrant laborers in Chicago in the garment workers' strike against the garment industry in response to low wages, unrealistic production demands, poor working conditions; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, then-CTU president Karen Lewis led more than 25,000 members of the Chicago Teachers Union on a seven-day strike to defend public education, for better pay, better benefits, and protections for teachers who lost their jobs due to school closures; and

WHEREAS, cisgender women and transgender women workers continue to struggle against many long-standing inequities in the workplace, such as insufficient maternity leave, sexual harassment, gender pay disparities, discrimination, xenophobia, unequal access to career opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the gender pay gap has barely closed in the United States in the past two decades, with women typically earning 82 cents for every dollar earned by men; and

WHEREAS, women workers and leaders in Cook County and across the world have improved living and working conditions for all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board President and the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, assembled on the eighteenth day of April 2024, do hereby honor women and transgender women workers and leaders in the labor movement on International Workers' Day for their contributions and dedication to advancing justice and the common good; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners send warm greetings to all workers and all labor organizations in Cook County and across the globe that will commemorate the anniversary of the first May Day march in Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be provided to the Chicago Women In Trades, Beatrice Lumpkin, Katie Jordan, and Rosi Carrasco, for their leadership and their contributions to the betterment of all workers across Cook County.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING AVERY R. YOUNG FOR NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

WHEREAS, Avery R. Young is an interdisciplinary artist, educator, recipient of the Leader for a New Chicago 2022 award, a Cave Canem fellow and co-director of The Floating Museum, and;

WHEREAS, Young's poetry and prose have been featured in BreakBeat Poets, Teaching Black, Poetry Magazine and alongside images in photographer Cecil McDonald Jr's, In The Company of Black, and;

WHEREAS, Young is the composer and librettist for a new commissioned work from The Lyrics Opera of Chicago titled Safronia, and;

WHEREAS, Young's work in performance, visual text, and sound design has been featured in several exhibitions and theater festivals---notably The Hip Hop Theatre Festival, The Art Institute of Chicago, The Museum of Contemporary Art, and American Jazz Museum, and;

WHEREAS, Young is the featured vocalist on flutist Nicole Mitchell's Mandorla Awakening (FPE Records). His theater credits include co-writing and co-producing the soundtrack for Lise Haller Baggesson's Hatorgrade Retrograde: The Musical, scoring RedClay Dance's Rest. Restore. Nourish. Move. Heal, and;

WHEREAS, Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot, in partnership with the Chicago Public Library (CPL), the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE), and the Poetry Foundation, proudly named Avery R. Young as the inaugural Chicago Poet Laureate, and;

WHEREAS, April 1996 the Academy of American Poets launched National Poetry Month, a special occasion to celebrates poets' integral role in our culture and that poetry matters. Over the years, it has become the largest literary celebration in the world, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby celebrate Avery R. Young during National Poetry Month and honors his contributors as an award-winning poet, educator, composer, performer, and producer, and;

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

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ACKNOWLEDGING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Child abuse is when intentional harm or mistreatment of a child under age 18 occurs. Child abuse is a criminal offense perpetuated commonly by someone the child knows such as a parent, family member, caregiver or family friend, and;

WHEREAS, Child neglect is a form of abuse. Neglect is failing to provide a child with food, shelter, education, medical care, and emotional support. At least 1 in 7 children has experienced neglect annually, and;

WHEREAS, Children who live in poverty, are younger than four years of age, and have special needs, are at higher risk of experiencing abuse and neglect, and;

WHEREAS, If untreated, the experiences of child abuse can impact a child's lifelong health and well-being. Victims of child abuse are at higher risk of experiencing depression, substance use disorder or personality disorders. Counseling and therapy can help prevent future abuse and reduce long-term damage, and;

WHEREAS, As much as 70% of child abuse goes unreported; and a child tells an average of seven adults that they are being abused or neglected before a report is made. Every delay in reporting suspected abuse or neglect increases the likelihood that abuse will become more serious, or even deadly, and that the perpetrator will abuse additional children, and;

WHEREAS, Child abuse casts the shadow the length of a lifetime. A child is innocent and still has plenty of space to grow. Nothing makes any child deserve to be abused. As adults, survivors may suffer from the stressors and trauma of child abuse and may find ways to cope. It is a major global concern that should be taken seriously and be on the forefront of both mental and physical health initiatives, and;

WHEREAS, April is recognized as National Child Abuse Prevention Month (NCAPM). The importance of communities working together to support and strengthen families to prevent child maltreatment is

emphasized during this time. Communities are encouraged to increase awareness about child and family well-being and work together to implement effective strategies that support families and prevent child abuse and neglect, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby acknowledge April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month and support the survivors of child abuse and;

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