



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Consent Agenda

for the

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 11:00 AM

15-2892

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY 2015

WHEREAS, Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is the last Monday of May, and is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a time for the Nation to appropriately remember and honor our American heroes; and

WHEREAS, our service men and women answered the call of duty and made the ultimate sacrifice to maintain the security of our country and the liberties we hold so dear; and

WHEREAS, our nation is honor bound to remember those who died on distant shores defending our Nation and our way of life; and

WHEREAS, citizens across Cook County, the State of Illinois and the entire United States will pause to remember the sacrifices of the men and women who died in service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, on this Memorial Day, as throughout the year, we pray for the families of the fallen and show our respect for the contributions these service members made to the continuation of American freedom; and

WHEREAS, our grateful Nation honors their selfless service, and we recognize a debt of honor beyond our capability to repay; and

WHEREAS, Americans must never allow ourselves to forget the contributions made by those who served and those who gave their lives to protect the freedom and democracy for our country; and

WHEREAS, it is important to show our gratitude for all our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and Merchant Mariners who died in the service of our Nation that we might continue to enjoy the liberties we so deeply cherish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize Monday, May 25, 2015, as Memorial Day and pay tribute to those who served and those who died with a sense of honor, duty and dedication for the United States of

America.

15-3387

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COOK COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 31, 2015 AS “STOP THE STIGMA SUNDAY”

WHEREAS, in 2013 President Barack Obama proclaimed May to be National Mental Health Awareness Month; and,

WHEREAS, in 2011 Illinois made greater reductions in state funding for mental health than any other state in the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, the most recent round of state budget negotiations in Springfield indicate that Illinois is on track to continue its status as one of the poorest funders of mental health services in the nation; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago closed six of its 12 Community Mental Health Clinics in April of 2012; and,

WHEREAS, according to Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, the reduction in funding for mental health services across multiple levels of government, including the Chicago clinic closures, has resulted in the Cook County Jail being the largest mental health facility in the state and possibly the nation; and,

WHEREAS, according to a joint report authored by the Mental Health Movement of Chicago and AFSCME Council 31, Chicago’s closure of half of its mental health clinics resulted in a failure by the City of Chicago to account for hundreds and perhaps thousands of people who had depended on these clinics for mental health treatment services; and,

WHEREAS, that same report, entitled “Abandoning the Most Vulnerable,” cites a complete lack of a comprehensive effort to determine how many people lost access to mental health treatment services after the Chicago clinic closures and similar lack of effort to make contact with the individuals who lost access to treatment and connect them with new service providers; and,

WHEREAS, Cook County, which is charged with providing services to the most vulnerable members of our local population, deals every day with the consequences of an inadequate safety net that has stranded too many of our residents without access to care that they urgently need; and,

WHEREAS, among we count among those consequences an overcrowded Jail, court system and

Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, all of which constitute a significant drain on Cook County's budget and resources; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to funding barriers, the stigma associated with having a mental illness has prevented many people from receiving the treatment they require; and,

WHEREAS, churches across Cook County will be hosting a program called "Stop the Stigma Sunday" on Sunday May 31, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of "Stop the Stigma Sunday," clergy and church leaders will feature in their sermons and Sunday programs a segment on mental health destigmatization; and,

WHEREAS, as part of "Stop the Stigma Sunday," materials will be provided to clergy and church leadership to assist them in crafting their presentations to their congregations; and,

WHEREAS, as it is good, fitting and appropriate that Cook County government should lend its support to such a critical initiative that addresses such an important public policy challenge;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County President and the Board of Commissioners recognize May 31, 2015 as "Stop the Stigma Sunday"; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County President and the Board of Commissioners express their support and appreciate to the men and women of faith, as well as those community activists and leaders who will take the time on May 31, 2015 to raise awareness and combat the stigma that all too often surrounds mental health issues in Cook County and beyond.

15-3404

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE FOR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES

WHEREAS, the Cook County Sheriff's Office is the second largest in the United States, with over 6,900 members; and,

WHEREAS, the Cook County Sheriff's Office divides its operations by task into eight departments, the most recognizable of which is the Cook County Sheriff's Court Services Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Cook County Sheriff 's Police Department provides traditional police services in

unincorporated and select areas of Cook County while the Department of Corrections staffs the Cook County Department of Corrections; and,

WHEREAS, all Cook County Sheriff's Deputies have Police Powers regardless of their particular job function or title; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Police can provide all traditional law-enforcement functions, including county-wide patrol and investigations irrespective of municipal boundaries, even in the city of Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2015, the Sheriff deployed its Mobile Command Center and more than 70 Police to the Austin Community in the city of Chicago to provide local law enforcement at the request of this Commissioner, due to published reports of the murder rate soaring in Austin; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of professionalism, diligence and tireless efforts the Sheriff Police has successfully recovered and removed over a dozen illegal guns of the streets through its community policing initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, that the Board on behalf of the residents of the Austin Community and the 5.2 million residents of Cook County salute the Cook County Sheriff's Police for exemplary performance of community policing duties and reinforcement patrols, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for reducing violence and ensuring public safety, in the Austin community of the 1st District of Cook County that has been terrorized by senseless gun violence; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Sheriff Tom Dart as a token of our appreciation and esteem.

15-3409

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING *THE CHICAGO CRUSADER* ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, *The Chicago Crusader* turns 75 years old in 2015; and

WHEREAS, *The Chicago Crusader* was founded by Balm L. Leavell, Jr. in Chicago in 1940; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, Dorothy R. Leavell assumed the responsibilities of publisher and editor of *The Chicago Crusader*, a role she continues to fulfill; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy R. Leavell's accomplishments as editor and publisher of *The Chicago Crusader* include rehabilitating its facilities and modernizing the production process; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy R. Leavell was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas on October 23, 1944. She was the valedictorian of her Merrill High School class of 1962 and, after relocating to Chicago, attended Roosevelt University; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy R. Leavell was elected president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) in June of 1995 for a two-year term and was re-elected in June 1997 ending her term in 1999. During her tenure, she increased the visibility and international stature of the organization; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2006, Dorothy R. Leavell was elected Chairman of the National Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the NNPA for more than forty-two years, Dorothy R. Leavell has served in various other capacities including as assistant secretary, a member of the board of directors, and as treasurer, a post she held as for ten years; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy R. Leavell has often been honored and recognized for her philanthropic and civic contributions. A recipient of many awards, she was honored with the Winnie Mandela Endurance with Dignity Award; the Operation PUSH Family Affair Award; the Humanitarian Award from the Council on African Affairs, among many other honors; and

WHEREAS, for 75 years *The Chicago Crusader* has reported the news without fear or favor and been a community resource for news reporting and opinion from an African American perspective;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County President and the Board of Commissioners recognize and congratulate *The Chicago Crusader* on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mrs. Dorothy R. Leavell be commended and saluted by this Honorable Body for her extraordinary accomplishments and her truly remarkable record of service to her community.

15-3410

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANTHONY HAYES II, SEPTEMBER 25, 1987 - MARCH 24, 2015

WHEREAS, Anthony Hayes II affectionately known by members of his family as "Lil Ant" and by his

friends as "Big Ant" departed this world much too soon on March 24, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Anthony Hayes II was born September 25, 1987, to Cheryl Winters Hayes and Anthony Hayes Sr. In Chicago, Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, Anthony Hayes II began his early childhood education at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boys and Girls Club and was an honors graduate and a Member of the Academic Decathlon Team from Richard T. Crane High School; and,

WHEREAS, Anthony Hayes II attended Northern Illinois University and was a proud Huskie; and,

WHEREAS, Anthony Hayes II was a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service and was known as a hard worker;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners honor the life of Anthony Hayes II; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be made available to the family of Anthony Hayes II and Mack Julion, President of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

15-3412

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI and JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF GLORIA MAJEWSKI

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, has called Gloria Alitto Majewski from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Majewski was first elected to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) as commissioner in 1984, a position her husband Chester Majewski held until his death; and

WHEREAS, one of her first acts as commissioner was to develop a public education program to educate school children, community groups, and civic and social organizations regarding the MWRD's importance in protecting the environment and health of residents; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 Gloria Majewski made history when she became the first woman to be elected by fellow MWRD board members as finance chairman, a position she retained until her last day of service in 2010; and

WHEREAS, as finance chairman, Mrs. Majewski pioneered a 5% or less tax cap on the MWRD's tax

levy five years before it was mandated by state law; and

WHEREAS, under her tenure as finance chairman, the MWRD saw its bond rating improve to the highest rating it had ever been awarded by Fitch's, Moody's, and Standard & Poor's; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Majewski also served on the Maintenance and Operations Committee and on the Board of Trustees of the MWRD Retirement Board; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Majewski served on the Board of Directors for New Horizons Center for the Developmentally Disabled and on the Board of Governors of Governors State University; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Majewski's commitment to professional and charitable organizations is reflected in the numerous honors and awards she received over the years, the greatest of which was the renaming of the 350-million-gallon Chicago Underflow Plan reservoir to the Gloria Alitto Majewski Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, Gloria was an avid sports fan, frequently talking about her beloved Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs; and

WHEREAS, Gloria leaves behind daughters Joy Adelizzi and Kimberly (Tony) Feeney and grandchildren Shannon and Daniel. Gloria was a sister to Ronald Alitto and an aunt, great aunt, and friend to many.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners offers its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Gloria Majewski and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this text be tendered to the family of Gloria Majewski so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

15-3426

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE, PIONEERING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND MEMORY OF ALICE TREGAY

WHEREAS, Alice Tregay, a treasured heroine of the Civil Rights Movement, a woman whose life was devoted to civil and human rights died at the age of 85 leaving behind countless friends, family and a community profoundly enriched for having known her; and

WHEREAS, Alice Tregay was born and remained an Evanstonian for most of her life; she and her husband James were treasured pillars of the community. She was legendary in her tireless commitment

to her faith; and was an active member and fixture at Ebenezer AME Church in Evanston, serving as an usher; and

WHEREAS, Alice Tregay shared her commitment to social justice issues very early with her children and in so doing created a family legacy of community service. She was the matriarch of a mighty family who have followed her example and become community leaders themselves. The beneficial impact the Tregay family has had on the region cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, in the mid-sixties when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. came to Chicago with other ministers from the Southern Christian Leadership Council, Alice Tregay, her husband James and their children marched alongside them, often at great personal risk. It was at this time that Dr. King joined the Reverend Jesse Jackson and the Reverend James Bevel to form Operation Breadbasket which later became the organization now known and Rainbow Push. Alice will long be remembered for her work at Rainbow Push to end discriminatory hiring practices in corporate America and for initiating the Political Education Division of Rainbow Push. She remained the director of this groundbreaking voter registration effort until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Alice Tregay became President and brought new life and energy to the Chicago Children's Choir, an organization created during the height of the Civil Rights Movement. The Chicago Children's Choir is a nonprofit organization committed to peacefully uniting a diverse world through education, musical expression and excellence; and

WHEREAS, Alice Tragay was a forward thinking leader in the housing de-segregation movement, working to help put an end to housing discrimination in Chicago and the suburbs. She was an integral member of the team that exposed realtors who illegally refused to comply with fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, Alice Tregay worked tirelessly alongside Al Raby and Dick Gregory; she was a leader in the struggle to end overcrowding and segregation in black schools. She diligently fought the use of "Willis Wagons," temporary, portable structures placed to relieve overcrowding in those Chicago schools which predominantly served the African American community; and

WHEREAS, Alice Tregay was a uniquely talented and trusted advisor to the campaigns of many elected officials. She ran the successful judicial campaigns of William Cousins and Abner Mikva and the congressional campaign of Ralph Metcalfe. She was selected to run the Illinois Office for Vice President Walter Mondale when he ran for President. She played a role in the ground-breaking political campaigns of many prominent African American leaders; Mayor Harold Washington, Carol Mosley Braun and the Reverend Jesse Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Alice Tregay's life story and substantial accomplishments were legendary and were the subject of a documentary about her life entitled "*Alice's Ordinary People*"; and

WHEREAS, Alice Tregay will be mourned by thousands of the lives she touched but will be most acutely felt by and her husband James, her three children: Alice, David and Dawne and her six

grandchildren; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the extraordinary life of Alice Tregay, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she has made 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 the same be tendered to the family of Alice Tregay.

15-3428

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CHARLES BENTON

WHEREAS, Charles Benton, trusted advisor to three US Presidents, visionary film distributor, national and local philanthropist and assiduous advocate for public media and democracy died on April 29, 2015 leaving behind family, countless friends and a community profoundly enriched for having known him; and

WHEREAS, Charles Benton was a trusted advisor who served three Presidents of the United States. President Jimmy Carter appointed him to be the Chairman of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science and as Chairman of the First White House Conference on Library and Information Services. President Bill Clinton appointed him to the Presidential Advisory Committee on the Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters. President Barack Obama appointed Benton to serve on the National Museum and Library Services Board, an advisory body that includes twenty presidentially appointed and Senate-confirmed members of the general public who have demonstrated expertise in, or commitment to, library or museum services; and

WHEREAS, Charles Benton began his long career in the media education and entertainment business shortly after graduating from Yale University. He joined Britannica Films, owned by his father. He served in various positions before leaving to teach 5th grade at Washington Elementary School in Evanston. After he rejoined the company as a salesman, he quickly became the company's top seller and later was Vice President of Marketing. During a realignment of various Britannica companies, he became the president of the newly formed Encyclopaedia Britannica Education Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Charles Benton created the nonprofit Fund for Media Research to study educational uses of new media. The U.S. Office of Education (now the Department of Education) hired the Fund to research the use of television in the sixteen largest U.S. school systems; and

WHEREAS, Charles Benton will long be remembered for his work with Public Media Inc., a distributor of public television programming, and Films Inc., a distributor of Hollywood movies and independent films, including the documentary “Hoop Dreams” to schools, libraries and prisons; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Charles Benton was a supporter of organizations that promoted the arts, education and communications. He served on the original Illinois Arts Council Board, the Illinois Humanities Council and The Partnership for a Connected Illinois. He was a trustee of the University of Chicago, Hampton Institute, and National College of Education. He was a member of the founding board of the American Film Institute and the Chicago International Film Festival, served on the board of WTTW, and was President of the National Citizen Committee for Broadcasting. He was elected a Field Museum Trustee and later became a Life Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Charles Benton and his wife Marjorie shared their commitment to social justice issues very early with their children, Adrienne, Craig and Scott and in so doing created a family legacy of community service. The Bentons were prominent and treasured members of the Evanston Unitarian Church. Through the Church they participated in the grassroots movements of the `50s and `60s. They and their children marched for civil rights, open housing and desegregated schools, against the war in Vietnam, and for disarmament; and

WHEREAS, Charles and Marjorie Benton initiated and provided the \$200,000 grant that the League of Women Voters used to fund the televised presidential forums during the 1976 primaries. Those forums led to the televised presidential debates sponsored by the League later in 1976. It was the first such event since the Nixon-Kennedy debates of 1960; and

WHEREAS, Charles Benton has also been honored with many awards including: the Golden Hugo Award from the Chicago International Film Festival; the Chicagoland Educational Film Festival Leonard Slatkin Humanitarian Award; the Manship Prize from the University of Louisiana; the Distinguished Grantmaker of the Year award from the Council on Foundations; the Susan G. Hadden Pioneer Award from the Alliance for Public Technology; the Broadband Lifetime Achievement Award from the Partnership for a Connected Illinois; the Everett C. Parker Award from the United Church of Christ Office of Communication, Inc and he was a Hyde Park Arts Center Honoree; and

WHEREAS, Charles Benton founded the Benton Foundation as the legacy of his father, William, a public servant, later United States Senator who championed free speech and civil liberties. The Benton Foundation continues to work to close the digital divide by advocating access to high-speed Internet to people in poor or remote places. Over the years, the foundation has been a catalyst for increasing broadband deployment and adoption, particularly for America’s most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the impact felt by the loss of Charles Benton is significant. In the words of the great American journalist Bill Moyers, “The world feels emptier today, like the forest when a great oak falls. And those of us whose lives were touched by Charles are a little lonelier knowing he is gone. What an enthusiast he was for things that mattered to democracy and humanity.” His loss will be felt even more

acutely by his wife of over sixty-two years, Marjorie, their daughter Adrienne Furniss and her husband, Robert; son, Craig, and his wife Tina Ashmore; his five treasured grandchildren, Savannah Taylor, Colby Benton, Hemingway Benton, Carrie Furniss, and Lily Furniss; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board on behalf of the nearly the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in commemorating the extraordinary life of Charles Benton, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Charles Benton, that his memory may be so honored.

15-3430

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE INSTALLATION OF REVEREND DOCTOR MICHAEL C.R. NABORS AS THE PASTOR OF THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF EVANSTON ON SUNDAY JUNE 14th 2015

WHEREAS, the Second, Baptist Church of Evanston is the Mother Church of all African American Churches in Evanston. Since its inception in 1882, Second Baptist has long been a beacon of light on the North Shore; it is a cosmopolitan church that celebrates its diversity and is a proud community of people throughout Evanston, the North Shore and the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday June 13, 2015 the congregants of the Second Baptist Church of Evanston will celebrate the installation of their new Pastor, Reverend Dr. Michael C.R. Nabors at a Community Breakfast to welcome Reverend Nabors to the Community and on Sunday June 14, 2015 there will be a Worship Service and Installation Service followed by a reception in the Hycel B. Taylor Fellowship Hall; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the installation of Reverend Dr. Michael C.R. Nabors as the Pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Evanston and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the contributions the church has made 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 the same be tendered to the Second Baptist Church Congregation in celebration of the installation of the Reverend Dr. Michael C.R. Nabors.

15-3431

Sponsored by: STANLEY MOORE, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND POLICE WEEK

WHEREAS, established by President John F. Kennedy on October 1, 1962, each year, the president of the United States proclaims May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week of each year during which such May 15 occurs as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, on Peace Officers Memorial Day and throughout National Police Week, the United States of America will honor and pay tribute to all the federal, state, and local officers who have lost their lives or have been seriously injured in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, since the first known line-of-duty death in 1791, more than 20,000 United States law enforcement officers have died as a result of performing their job; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Peace Officers Memorial Day, on Friday, May 15, 2015, U.S. and state flags across the nation are flown at half-staff and throughout National Police Week, and annual memorial services are performed to commemorate those officers that have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, through their selfless dedication and commitment to carry out their sworn duties, peace officers protect our communities and freedoms and shield us from harm, regardless of the peril and danger that their jobs presents; and

WHEREAS, on Peace Officers Memorial Day, all the residents of Cook County will keep in their hearts, thoughts, and prayers, the families and loved ones of all our fallen peace officers that died serving Cook County and our great nation; and

WHEREAS, in observance of the service that fallen peace officers have given to our society, we recognize that they personify what it means to be a public servant; and while we can never repay our deep indebtedness to them, we honor and uphold what they died for by doing what we can to make our communities safe and being vigilant against crime and acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, our nation's fallen peace officers deserve and have earned our respect, gratitude and

appreciation and we recognize Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week to express our gratefulness for their bravery and courage; 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 recognize and acknowledge National Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, as we pay tribute to all peace officers that have died or been seriously injured in the line of duty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESERVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of this resolution be presented to the Peace Officers Memorial Foundation of Cook County.