

Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL



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Thursday, May 15, 2025

9:00 AM

Consent Calendar

**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
BRIDGET GAINER
BILL LOWRY
KISHA E. MCCASKILL

DONNA MILLER
STANLEY MOORE
JOSINA MORITA
KEVIN B. MORRISON
SEAN MORRISON
MICHAEL SCOTT JR.
TARA S. STAMPS
MAGGIE TREVOR
JESSICA VÁZQUEZ

**MONICA GORDON
COUNTY CLERK**

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Board met pursuant to law and pursuant to Resolution 25-0986.

OFFICIAL RECORD

President Preckwinkle in the chair.

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:00 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, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (15)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry and McCaskill (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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1. Benjamin Krumstok, Illinois Food Scrap & Composting Coalition
2. Cristina Saldana, Chicago
3. Jimmy Wallace, SHOP Talk
4. Daquan Smith, SHOP Talk
5. Zoe Leigh, Chicago
6. Dr. Twin Green, The Link and Option Center, INC.
7. Jack Solomon, Developing Our Youth
8. Alderwoman Monique Scott, City of Chicago
9. Carlovito McGee, SHOP Talk

CONSENT CALENDAR

25-2651

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE BILL LOWRY AND PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE REMARKABLE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MYLES LEE
REED SR.**

WHEREAS, it is both fitting and proper that the Cook County Board of Commissioners pauses to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary life and enduring contributions of Myles Lee Reed Sr., who was born on January 26, 1925, in Lorman, Mississippi - a man distinguished by an unshakable faith, a profound commitment to community, and a tireless devotion to the uplift of his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Myles Lee Reed Sr., the devoted husband of the late Barbara Nell Wilkerson Reed, was also the loving and guiding patriarch to his children - Myles Lee Jr., Frank, Darryl, Brenda, Ronald, and Claude - exemplifying the virtues of steadfast fatherhood and principled leadership within his family and beyond; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Mr. Reed migrated to Omaha, Nebraska, where he would embark on the foundational chapters of a life characterized by purpose, resilience, and service. In his formative years, he nobly answered the call of duty, serving in the United States Army, and upon completing his service, availed himself of the GI Bill to pursue higher education. At the University of Nebraska, he pledged the esteemed Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education - a testament to his unwavering belief in the power of education and fraternity; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1950s, Mr. Reed relocated to the great city of Chicago, Illinois, where he raised his growing family and continued his dedication to professional and civic advancement. He distinguished himself as a Job Development Specialist and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Officer, and furthered his advocacy through instrumental roles at institutions such as the Olivet Institute, Jobs Now Project, and the Borg-Warner Corporation - where, notably, he served as one of the first Black executives in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed's professional acumen was matched only by his civic engagement, as he worked closely with organizations like the Chicago Urban League and the Ada S. McKinley Foundation to dismantle barriers to opportunity and promote economic empowerment throughout the South Side of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, profoundly civic-minded and deeply invested in the betterment of his community, Mr. Reed twice campaigned for the position of Alderman in Chicago's 21st Ward - a reflection of his enduring commitment to equitable representation and the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, a man of both intellect and athletic prowess, Mr. Reed played semi-professional baseball with the Dukes of the Washington Park Baseball League well into his early forties, and generously shared his expertise and mentorship as a coach of the Orioles of the Jackie Robinson West Little League - nurturing the athletic and personal growth of countless youth in Brainard Park; and

WHEREAS, as a current resident of Chicago's Fifth Ward, Mr. Reed is not only celebrated for the longevity of his life, now having surpassed the remarkable milestone of 100 years, but also for the indelible impact he has made on generations of Chicagoans through his wisdom, moral clarity, and enduring acts of service; and

WHEREAS, his century-long journey through American life bears witness to the transformative power of perseverance, education, family, faith, and public service - qualities that define a legacy which continues to inspire those who have the privilege of knowing him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, Bill Lowry, Cook County Commissioner of the 3rd district, and Toni Preckwinkle, president of the Cook County Board of Commissioner, assembled this day, does hereby extend its highest commendation and most heartfelt congratulations to Myles Lee Reed Sr. for reaching the extraordinary milestone of 100 years of life and for his decades of invaluable service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the community, the city, and the county he calls home; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Myles Lee Reed Sr. and his family as a permanent testament to his monumental contributions and as a symbol of the profound esteem in which he is held by the people of the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE BILL LOWRY AND PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MALIK T. MURRAY

WHEREAS, Malik T. Murray was a distinguished leader, visionary professional, and beloved son of Cook County whose profound contributions to business, education, and community empowerment leaves a lasting legacy across Chicago and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Malik T. Murray exemplified the highest ideals of service, leadership, and compassion, leaving an indelible imprint upon the City of Chicago, Cook County, and the countless lives he touched through his professional excellence, philanthropic endeavors, and personal generosity; and

WHEREAS, Malik was born and raised in the South Shore neighborhood of Chicago, the cherished son of the Honorable Leonard Murray, Judge of the Cook County Circuit Court, and the late Linda Diane Gray Murray, a respected educator whose influence inspired Malik's lifelong commitment to education, equity, and civic service; and

WHEREAS, Malik's journey of excellence began at St. Philip Neri Elementary School and continued at St. Ignatius College Prep, where he distinguished himself as a scholar-athlete, embodying the Ignatian ideal of being a "Man for Others" through academic achievement and athletic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Malik pursued higher education at DePaul University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance, competed as a four-year letter winner on the men's basketball team, and later obtained an MBA in finance from the Kellstadt Graduate School of Business, demonstrating a lifelong commitment to intellectual and professional growth; and

WHEREAS, Malik built an extraordinary career in finance, beginning at Bank One Brokerage and culminating at Ariel Investments, where he faithfully served for over two decades as Senior Vice President and Head of Business Development, distinguished by his strategic vision, principled leadership, and client-first philosophy; and

WHEREAS, Malik's influence extended far beyond his professional success, as he selflessly mentored aspiring leaders, championed diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, and cultivated opportunities for underserved communities throughout Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Malik's devotion to education was demonstrated through his board service at DePaul University and St. Ignatius College Prep, where he not only provided strategic guidance but also established two transformative endowments - the Linda Diane Gray Murray Excellence Through Education, Equity

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and Inclusion Endowment at St. Ignatius, and a scholarship at DePaul promoting excellence in basketball and finance; and

WHEREAS, Malik's profound generosity, humility, and compassion earned him universal admiration, while his legacy of mentorship, community leadership, and public service will continue to inspire future generations; and

WHEREAS, the untimely passing of Malik T. Murray at the age of 50 is a tremendous loss to his family, friends, colleagues at Ariel Investments, and the broader community that he served with such devotion and love.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, Bill Lowry, Cook County Commissioner of the 3rd district, and Toni Preckwinkle, president of the Cook County Board of Commissioner, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby celebrate the extraordinary life and enduring contributions of Malik T. Murray, whose impact will continue to shape our community for years to come; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners extends its deepest and most heartfelt condolences to Malik's father, Leonard Murray; his sisters, Nubia Murray Davis and Kai Murray; his brother, Kamau Murray; and all who were privileged to know and love him; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Malik T. Murray as a lasting tribute to his remarkable legacy and in grateful acknowledgment of his exceptional life of service of the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REVEREND DAVID BIGSBY

WHEREAS, David Bigsby was born in Marietta, Georgia, in 1945, and his father was a preacher and a “giver,”; and

WHEREAS, from 1963 to 1967, Mr. Bigsby attended Morehouse College before entering the U.S. Army, where he was a paratrooper serving in Vietnam during the Vietnam War and was awarded a Bronze Star and honorably discharged in 1969 at the rank of staff sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bigsby earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Northwest Missouri State University in 1975, and after college after college he worked in the insurance field, earning a CLU (Chartered Life Underwriter) designation from American College in 1979; and

WHEREAS, eventually he accepted his calling to preach, something he was born to do, and in 1985, Reverend Bigsby preached his first professional sermon during service on Thanksgiving morning at Calvary Baptist Church in Glenwood, IL and about a decade later, in 1994, he became pastor of the church; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Bigsby would go on to found and lead In the Upper Room Ministries (ITURM) missionary Baptist Church in Lansing, IL; and

WHEREAS, in Lansing, the Reverend may be best known for his involvement in helping to develop a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Village of Lansing, Lansing Police Department, Lansing Community Coalition, and the NAACP Chicago Far South Suburban Branch when the Village and police leadership were at odds with community members over an incident in which an off-duty white police officer physically pinned a 15-year-old Black teen to the ground for trespassing on his lawn; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Bigsby fought for social justice in many ways, travelling to the state and national capitols to lobby for legislation and funding that could engender equity in schools and the local community, and he fought against racial profiling and systemic racism; and

WHEREAS, for many years until 2009, Reverend Bigsby served as the president of South Suburban Action Conference, actively pursuing and involved in social, civic, and educational parity in the south suburbs, pushing for issues such as the proposed airport in Peotone; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Bigsby served at some time as president or vice president of the following organizations: South Suburban Action Council, African American Leadership Commission, a national organization dedicated to development of clergy in social justice advocacy, Gamaliel National Clergy Caucus and several other branches of the Gamaliel organization, PEACE “People Engaged in Advancing Community Enrichment” in the South Suburbs, Lansing Ministers Alliance, and the Lansing Community Coalition; and

WHEREAS, for all of his work, in 2023 Reverend Bigsby received the President’s Award from the NAACP Chicago Far South Suburban Branch; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend Bigsby enjoyed spending time with his family over the holidays, loved soul food, and was passionate about his Cadillacs, keeping his Eldorado or DeVille in pristine condition; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Bigsby was a good man, a loved man and faithful in his ministry and his church and humble man of God; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Bigsby transitioned into eternity on April 22, 2025. He was married for 53 years to Gloria Bigsby before her death in 2023. He is survived by his son, David Maurice Bigsby (Natasha Bigsby), and his daughter, Ingrid Nicole Colon (John Colon), and four grandchildren and will truly be missed by all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the life of Reverend David Bigsby as a distinguished member of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to the family of Reverend David Bigsby so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

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WHEREAS, May is National Military Appreciation Month, introduced by late Senator John McCain and designated by Congress in 1999, which gives our nation the opportunity to honor the service and sacrifice of servicemembers and their families; and

WHEREAS, not only do we reflect on Memorial Day the sacrifice and service of those who gave all, but the month also marks several other military anniversaries and events, including Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Loyalty Day, VE Day, Public Service Recognition Week, and Armed Forces Day; and

WHEREAS, this month as we celebrate current and former members of our military and their families, it is important to encourage all citizens to observe the month as a symbol of unity and recognize that as Americans we have more in common than not; and

WHEREAS, we honor the sacrifice of generations of military men and women by our commitment to community and country, and to preserving our freedoms and our democracy they so valiantly fought and continue to fight to protect; and

WHEREAS, Loyalty Day (May 1st) is a day for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States, and to reflect on the proud heritage of our American freedom; and

WHEREAS, Public Service Recognition Week (the 1st full week in May) is set aside to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county, and local government employees; and

WHEREAS, Victory in Europe Day or VE Day is observed May 8th to recognize May 8th, 1945 as the day when Germans throughout Europe unconditionally surrendered to the Allies marking the end of World War II in Europe; and

WHEREAS, Military Spouse Appreciation Day recognized on the Friday before Mother's Day is set aside to honor military spouses and recognizes the important role our military families play in keeping our Armed Forces strong and our country safe; and

WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day, celebrated on the third Saturday in May every year, honors everyone serving in the U.S. Military branches; Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, and Space Force; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day observed on the last Monday in May, commemorates the men and women who died while in military service; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to celebrate and honor our active and veteran military members past and present throughout the month of May.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, in solidarity with National Military Appreciation Month, hereby commemorates May 2025 as Military Appreciation Month in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2756

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. CHERYL F. GREEN

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst, Dr. Cheryl F. Green, Governors State University's sixth President, on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, following a lengthy illness; and

WHEREAS, at a young age, Dr. Green learned her life's purpose when she served as a literacy tutor and saw firsthand the disparities in education. She earned her Ph.D. in Psychology and later went on to fulfill her dream of impacting communities by serving students in higher education across several states, including Indiana, Tennessee, and Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green was passionate about community, education, and student success. For more than thirty years, she devoted her time and talent to transforming lives through the power of higher education and removing barriers to marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, never one to shy away from a challenge, Dr. Green took the reins as President of Governors State University at the height of the pandemic in July of 2020. As the University's first African American president, she made historic moves elevating the visibility of the institution, while creating opportunities and removing barriers to education; and

WHEREAS, a native of Chicago's South Side, Dr. Green considered the president's role at Governors State University a dream come true and often said it was the culmination of all her life's work. She was

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committed to cementing the University's reputation as the "jewel of the Southland" and was known to engage staff and students with humor and candor, empathy and compassion. It was not uncommon for her to use personal funds to assist a student in need; and

WHEREAS, she led the effort to ensure the University established a free-standing Social Justice Initiative to address barriers to social mobility, equity, and justice. The Latinx Resource Center was established under her direction to support and nurture the growing Latinx student population; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green secured the University's largest private donation in history; created the Honors College and the College of Graduate Studies at Governors State University; and brought the Illinois Black Hall of Fame to Governors State University; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Dr. Green, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, will forever live on through her work to establish institutions on campus, including the first Greek-lettered organizations on campus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green was committed to making a difference and education was her priority. She also was committed to serving her community through work on several corporate and community boards across the nation; and

WHEREAS, off campus, Dr. Green embraced her passion for the arts and reading that was instilled in her as a child. Dr. Green loved history and often infused speeches with historical references to Black history and Latin American history, as well as quotes from historical giants such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Nelson Mandela, and Confucius. She was tremendously proud of her two adult children and often spoke fondly of her extensive family; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green, was a beloved child, sister, mother, friend and has left a lasting legacy of service. She will truly be missed by all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the life of Dr. Cheryl F. Green as a distinguished member of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to the family of Dr. Cheryl F. Green so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

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Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2806

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING MICHELLE HARRIS ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Michelle Harris has served with distinction as Executive Assistant to Commissioner Donna Miller since the Commissioner assumed office in December 2018, playing a vital role in ensuring the efficient, compassionate, and professional operation of the 6th District office; and

WHEREAS, Michelle's journey in public service began immediately after graduating high school in the 1970s, when a local precinct captain encouraged her to apply for a position at the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office. She accepted the opportunity and began working at the Cook County Morgue, located at 2121 W. Harrison Street in Chicago-a facility later named the Robert J. Stein Institute of Forensic Medicine. Under the leadership of Chief Toxicologist Dr. Michael Schaffer, Michelle served for approximately three years, embracing the role with courage, diligence, and grace; and

WHEREAS, Michelle's career reflects a deep commitment to the public good and civic leadership. Over the years, she has served and supported numerous prominent leaders in government, transportation, and the nonprofit sector, including her work under the Office of the Governor from 2003 to 2007; at Amtrak, where she contributed to State & Local Government Affairs; at the Chicago Urban League from 2007 to 2010, supporting then-President and CEO Cheryl Jackson; and later at AAR from 2010 to 2017, assisting senior leadership in Global Business Development. Her behind-the-scenes excellence and ability to carry out complex responsibilities with precision made her an indispensable asset in every role she held; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many years of service, Michelle Harris has been known for her sharp intellect, unwavering diligence, and generous spirit, making her not only an asset to every organization she has touched but a beloved colleague and friend; and

WHEREAS, Michelle is a woman of deep faith and community, having been a devoted member of Cosmopolitan Church of Prayer at 5842 S. Indiana Avenue under the leadership of Pastor Derail V. Smith since 1960, where she has faithfully served on the Board of Deaconess and as Chair of Finance; and

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WHEREAS, Michelle's personal life has been marked by resilience and love. She is the proud mother of Ariell Renée Harris, and though her beloved husband, William Harris, passed away in 2020, she carries forward his memory with strength, grace, and a steadfast commitment to family; and

WHEREAS, after decades of dedicated public service across multiple sectors and institutions, Michelle Harris is retiring, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of leadership, loyalty, and integrity that will continue to inspire all who had the pleasure of working alongside her.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and commend Michelle Harris for her outstanding and selfless service to Cook County, the State of Illinois, and her community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Michelle Harris with sincere gratitude and best wishes for joy, rest, and fulfillment in her well-earned retirement.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2353

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

IN HONOR OF CLARENCE L. AND MARY F. BROOKINS 75TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Clarence L. and Mary F. Brookins, residents of Lansing, Illinois, will celebrate their Diamond Jubilee Wedding Anniversary on May 6, 2025, marking an extraordinary milestone in their lives; and

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WHEREAS, the celebration of seventy-five years of marriage is a rare and remarkable achievement, recognized by the United States Census Bureau, which estimates that Clarence and Mary are among fewer than 1,000 couples in the entire United States to reach this incredible milestone; and

WHEREAS, Clarence L. Brookins after graduating from high school, went on to become the pastor and founder of True Foundation Missionary Baptist Church, where he served for over fifty years with dedication and love; and

WHEREAS, Clarence L. Brookins is a retired Cook County Sheriff, contributing greatly to his community; and

WHEREAS, Mary F. Brookins, a devoted partner, earned her associate's degree from Chicago State University and made significant contributions to the fields of insurance, health care, and education while also maintaining their household; and

WHEREAS, over the course of their long and fulfilling marriage, Clarence and Mary have raised a loving and close-knit family, consisting of eight children, twenty grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren, all of whom have been deeply influenced by their wisdom, values, and love; and

WHEREAS, as a community, we honor the strength, commitment, and example set by Clarence and Mary Brookins, whose love, hard work, and dedication have not only shaped their own family but have also left an indelible mark on our village of Lansing, Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the many residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the 75th wedding anniversary of Clarence L. and Mary F. Brookins and wishes them many more years of happiness together; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy be presented to the Brookins family to honor and cherish their love for each other, their family, and their community.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2715

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON AND PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**RESOLUTION HONORING EMILIA DIMENCO FOR HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND
LEADERSHIP**

WHEREAS, Emilia DiMenco has served with distinction as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Women's Business Development Center (WBDC), one of the oldest, largest, and most impactful women's business assistance centers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. DiMenco's visionary leadership, the WBDC has expanded its reach and deepened its impact, providing critical support to women-owned, minority-owned, and other underserved businesses through entrepreneurship training, financial education, procurement opportunities, and access to capital; and

WHEREAS, Ms. DiMenco was instrumental in forging a powerful partnership between the WBDC and Cook County to create the Cook County Small Business Source, an initiative that has supported thousands of small businesses across the County, particularly those hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, by providing business advising services, grants, and long-term resources to ensure their growth and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, through the Small Business Source, Cook County has centered equity in its small business program and ensures that resources are distributed fairly and effectively across the County -a testament to Ms. DiMenco's commitment to inclusive economic development; and

WHEREAS, Emilia DiMenco has also served as a dedicated and valued member of the Cook County Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC), where her insights and experience have contributed to the betterment of Cook County programs and policy; and

WHEREAS, her tenure has been marked by a tireless dedication to advancing women and minority owned businesses, strengthening public-private partnerships, and fostering a resilient, inclusive economy throughout Cook County and beyond; and

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WHEREAS, Emilia DiMenco is now stepping down from her role as President of the Women's Business Development Center, leaving behind a legacy of impact, empowerment, and institutional strength that will continue to benefit generations of small business owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby do what you are suggesting or endorsing with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by President Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Emilia DiMenco and hereby recognize and honor for Emilia for her exemplary leadership, her partnership with Cook County, and her steadfast commitment to economic equity and opportunity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Emilia DiMenco as a token of the County's gratitude and in recognition of her outstanding service to Cook County and its residents.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2807

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE MICHAEL SCOTT JR. AND STANLEY MOORE,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHITNEY M. YOUNG MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL

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WHEREAS, Whitney M. Young Magnet High School, located at 211 South Laflin Street in Chicago, Illinois, was established on September 3, 1975 as the city's first public magnet high school, named in honor of esteemed civil rights leader Whitney M. Young, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, for five decades, Whitney Young has exemplified academic excellence, embracing its motto, "Where Academic Excellence is the Standard," and fostering a diverse and inclusive environment that nurtures the holistic development of its students; and

WHEREAS, the school has consistently ranked among the top high schools in Illinois and the nation, most recently named the #3 Illinois High School by U.S. News & World Report in 2024, reflecting its rigorous college preparatory curriculum and exceptional faculty; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Young has rightfully earned the title "School of Champions", with an unparalleled legacy of success in academics, athletics, and extracurricular activities, including multiple state championships in basketball, tennis, chess, and a nationally acclaimed Academic Decathlon team that has won the Illinois State Championship 39 times since 1986; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Young has maintained remarkable leadership stability over the past five decades, with only four principals serving the school since its founding-all of whom have been African American-demonstrating a legacy of excellence, consistency, and culturally responsive leadership that has contributed greatly to the school's success; and

WHEREAS, the school proudly counts among its distinguished alumni former First Lady Michelle Obama, as well as leaders across industries who embody the spirit of service and excellence cultivated at Whitney Young-including two current members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, Michael Scott, Jr. and Stanley Moore, both proud graduates of this exceptional institution; and

WHEREAS, the school community-including students, faculty, staff, alumni, and parents-continues to honor the legacy of Whitney M. Young Jr. by championing equity, leadership, civic responsibility, and academic rigor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Cook County Board of Commissioners does recognize and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Whitney M. Young Magnet High School, and extends its deepest appreciation for the institution's unwavering commitment to academic excellence, student leadership, and community impact; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Whitney M. Young Magnet High School in honor of this historic milestone and as a tribute to its lasting legacy as one of Chicago's most revered educational institutions.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

SECOND SET

25-2370

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

OBSERVING MAY 26, 2025 AS MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1831, Cook County has been blessed with thousands of selfless patriots who devoted their lives to the safety and freedom of their state and nation, no matter the cost; and

WHEREAS, in times of war, Cook County's residents have sent their beloved brethren into combat far from home, bearing loss of life and limb; and

WHEREAS Cook County residents have never failed to fulfill their solemn duty to defend liberty; both for themselves and for others, through military service across the generations; and

WHEREAS, Cook County residents have given their lives in every American conflict since the County's founding, including the Civil War, the Spanish American War, two World Wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, the War on Terrorism, and other conflicts; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has always honored the immeasurable wartime and peacetime contributions and sacrifice of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the act of remembrance for all fallen service members from one's community is an American tradition that dates back more than a century and a half; and

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WHEREAS, by an Act of Congress in 1971, the last Monday of May each year is recognized as a federal Memorial Day in remembrance of all fallen U.S. service members; and

WHEREAS, even today, members of the military are stationed throughout the world, while their families remain in our communities; and

WHEREAS, families praying for the safe return of loved ones experience everyday life in a very different way than others, as their everyday thoughts and feelings never stray far from those they honor and are proud of for serving this great nation; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of our residents who have answered the call to duty to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, in defense of our democratic principles; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a day set aside to remember and honor our fallen service members who served our nation, in wartime or peacetime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize May 26, 2025, as Memorial Day and ask that on this day of honor, all residents express their gratitude to our fallen men and women, and their families.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2836

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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**CONGRATULATING FATHER ARMANDO MORALES MARTÍNEZ ON HIS 20TH
ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD**

WHEREAS, Rev. Armando Morales Martínez is a Roman Catholic priest; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Armando Morales Martínez was born in Guadalajara, México; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Armando Morales Martínez is the son of Beatriz Martínez Becerra and Javier Morales Íñiguez, and is the fifth of eight children; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Armando Morales Martínez completed his elementary and high school education in México; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Armando Morales Martínez began to discern a vocation to the priesthood after participating in several parish missions and being encouraged by friends; and

WHEREAS, after completing his seminary studies at St. Joseph's Seminary, Rev. Armando Morales Martínez was ordained on May 21, 2005, and celebrated his first mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on May 22, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Armando Morales Martínez served in many capacities at St. Turibius Parish, St. Gall Parish, Immaculate Conception, and Blessed Sacrament Parish on the Southwest Side of the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Rev. Armando Morales Martínez was assigned to St. George Catholic Parish in the South Side of the City of Chicago, where he encouraged the foundation and participation of many church ministries; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Armando Morales Martínez participated in the dedication of a new grotto to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe in December of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Armando Morales Martínez currently serves as Associate Pastor and the Music Director at Immaculate Conception and St. Michael Parish; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Armando Morales Martínez has dedicated his ministry to many aspects of parish life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby congratulates Father Armando Morales Martínez on his 20 years of service; and

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent

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Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2809

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 AND
JESSICA VÁSQUEZ, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

RECOGNIZING "INTERNATIONAL COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK"

WHEREAS, sustainable communities begin with composting, which serves as an effective method of waste reduction, reuse and recycling, helping divert waste from landfills; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), only 2.6 million tons of food scraps were composted, compared to 35 million tons that were landfilled; and

WHEREAS, organic materials like yard trimmings, food scraps, pizza boxes and spent coffee grounds can be composted and converted into a beneficial product known as compost; and

WHEREAS, returning organic resources to the soil reduces water consumption across all soil types, decreases reliance on chemical fertilizers and pesticides, lowers greenhouse gas emissions, and diverts waste from landfills; and

WHEREAS, globally and domestically, approximately one-third of all food goes uneaten. In the United States, much of this uneaten food ends up in landfills or sewers, where it decomposes in the absence of oxygen, producing methane; and

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WHEREAS, methane is 28 times more effective than carbon dioxide (CO₂) at trapping heat in the atmosphere. Over the last two centuries, methane concentrations in the atmosphere have more than doubled, largely due to human-related activities. Methane is responsible for approximately 30% of the increase in the global temperature since the Industrial Revolution; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. EPA, municipal solid waste (MSW) landfills are the third-largest source of methane emissions from human activities in the United States. Food waste makes up 24% of solid waste in landfills, but causes 58% of resulting methane emissions; and

WHEREAS, nationally, greenhouse gas emissions from landfilled food waste are equivalent to the annual emissions of 15 coal-fired power plants, or equal to the energy use of seven million homes; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2023 Illinois EPA report on Landfill Disposal Capacity, the Chicago Metropolitan Region landfills have a lifetime expectancy of eight more years, with 9,763,412 cubic yards of waste reported at the landfills' gates in 2023 alone. When the Chicago region's landfills reach capacity, waste will be hauled to landfills further afield, increasing net diesel fuel emissions from the garbage trucks; and

WHEREAS, composting is a fundamentally local process, as food waste is typically collected and processed near the point of generation. Composting strengthens local economies, reduces methane emissions, and diverts waste from landfills; and

WHEREAS, Cook County supports composting and waste diversion efforts through its Solid Waste Management Plan, which aims to divert 45% of waste from regional landfills by 2030, while advancing a circular economy that keeps materials and products in use for as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, composting supports the creation of green jobs and infrastructure, and enhances community gardens, fostering green spaces that provide fresh produce, recreational opportunities, and community gathering places; and

WHEREAS, May 4th through 10th, 2025, is International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW), an annual educational campaign supported by compost industry organizations around the world, including the Illinois Food Scrap and Composting Coalition. Moreover, State Senator Laura Fine has introduced a resolution in the Illinois State Senate (SR0100) recognizing "Compost Awareness Week" in the State of Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County hereby recognizes May 4th through 10th, 2025, as "International Compost Awareness Week" and encourages composting practices and awareness activities throughout the County.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

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Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2750

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DR. KISHA E. MCCASKILL, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING DWAYNE TYSON: A DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY LEADER
CHAMPIONING HOLISTIC GROWTH THROUGH SPORTS AND MENTORSHIP**

WHEREAS, Dwayne Tyson has steadfastly envisioned a brighter future for the youth of his community, recognizing the vital importance of understanding and mental health in fostering holistic growth, and aspiring to serve as a beacon of hope, resilience, and transformative leadership; and

WHEREAS, Dwayne Tyson embodies unwavering dedication as a passionate community advocate, whose tireless efforts have uplifted countless lives through unwavering service, compassion, and unwavering commitment; and

WHEREAS, over more than two decades, Dwayne Tyson has selflessly dedicated himself to the betterment of his community, impacting the lives of numerous families through a multitude of vital capacities, exemplifying true servant leadership; and

WHEREAS, in a remarkable display of compassion and ingenuity, Dwayne Tyson launched the “Everyone Eats” campaign, providing nourishment and hope to over ten thousand families during unprecedented times of crisis amid the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, he founded the Grand Champion Free Summer STEM Camp-an inspiring sanctuary for mentorship, character development, and STEM education-nurturing the next generation of innovators, leaders, and change-makers; and

WHEREAS, Dwayne Tyson serves as the visionary President and Founder of the esteemed Military Dixmoor Vikings Football and Cheer Group, a nationally recognized organization that champions academic excellence, maintaining an impressive average GPA of 3.1, and fostering discipline, teamwork, and excellence among young athletes; and

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WHEREAS, as a dedicated entrepreneur, Dwayne Tyson owns Tyson & Tyson Cleaning Service, creating vital employment opportunities for youth, imparting essential cleaning techniques, and inspiring creativity through sports uniform design-empowering youth to forge their own paths to success; and

WHEREAS, he works diligently at Thornton High School as a vital member of the transition team, guiding at-risk youth toward graduation and meaningful post-secondary pursuits, ensuring no child is left behind; and

WHEREAS, Dwayne Tyson has led the success of the Dixmoor Community Center, an inclusive haven open to students of all backgrounds, providing over 100 full scholarships, thereby opening doors to brighter futures and limitless possibilities; and

WHEREAS, his unwavering commitment has earned him numerous volunteer awards and accolades from colleges, recognizing his extraordinary dedication to community service and his profound impact on the children he passionately serves; and

WHEREAS, Dwayne Tyson's unwavering pledge is to ensure that every child he encounters is equipped with the tools, encouragement, and opportunities necessary for a successful and fulfilling life, truly embodying the spirit of a servant leader.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, under the leadership of President Toni Preckwinkle, the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby honors and commend Dwayne Tyson for his extraordinary dedication, unwavering service, and inspiring leadership in nurturing the potential of our youth and strengthening our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is presented by 5th District Commissioner Dr. Kisha E. McCaskill, and shall be inscribed into the permanent records of Cook County as a testament to Dwayne Tyson 's remarkable contributions. A duly authorized copy of this resolution shall be presented to Dwayne Tyson as a symbol of our deepest appreciation and admiration.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2751

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DR. KISHA E. MCCASKILL, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**RECOGNITION OF DR. TWIN GREEN AND THE LINK & OPTION CENTER'S
PIONEERING WORK IN MENTAL HEALTH AND MATERNAL CARE**

WHEREAS, Dr. Twin Green identified a critical gap in mental health and maternal support services in South Suburban Cook County, recognizing the urgent need to address disparities affecting at-risk pregnant women; and

WHEREAS, motivated by personal experience and a deep commitment to community well-being, she founded The Link & Option Center-a 30-year legacy of providing accessible, culturally competent behavioral health services, with four locations serving the southland; and

WHEREAS, the Center's core values-collaboration, support, and holistic well-being-drive its mission to foster healthy communities through equitable, timely access to mental health and maternal care; and

WHEREAS, "Hold Tight - In My Mother's Hands," a division of The Link & Option Center, was launched to improve maternal health outcomes for underserved pregnant women, addressing critical mental health issues like postpartum depression and health disparities; and

WHEREAS, the Center's innovative Maternal Care Coordination Model employs trained community doulas, nurse care coordinators, and wraparound services-including transportation, home visits, and social support-to address the social determinants of health and mental well-being; and

WHEREAS, these comprehensive services-prenatal through postpartum-are vital in reducing mental health crises, promoting maternal resilience, and improving outcomes for mothers and infants, especially among high-risk Black women; and

WHEREAS, community-based doula programs are essential in supporting mental health, persons with substance abuse, and other social factors; and overall well-being during and beyond the birthing process; and

WHEREAS, maternal health services are a critical component of community health, directly impacting mental health, family stability, and long-term well-being, especially for vulnerable populations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that "Hold Tight - In My Mother's Hands" is recognized for its vital role in providing crucial mental health and maternal support services to at-risk women; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners honor Dr. Twin Green and The Link & Option Center for their unwavering dedication to addressing mental health disparities and strengthening community health; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that as presented by Fifth District Commissioner Dr. Kisha E. McCaskill, this resolution be entered into the official records of Cook County. A copy of this resolution will be presented to Dr. Twin Green in recognition of her impactful contributions.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2749

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DR. KISHA E. MCCASKILL, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

RESOLUTION HONORING JACK SOLOMON, VISIONARY FOUNDER OF DEVELOPING OUR YOUTH - A CATALYST FOR EMPOWERING FUTURE GENERATIONS

WHEREAS, Jack Solomon has demonstrated unwavering dedication as the founder of Developing Our Youth, an organization that harnesses the empowering power of sports, academics, cultural exposure, and community engagement to uplift underserved youth; and

WHEREAS, mental health challenges among youth and their families are a growing concern, with unaddressed mental health issues leading to adverse outcomes such as violence, trauma, and limited

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opportunities-making programs like Developing Our Youth more vital than ever in providing support, hope, and positive pathways; and

WHEREAS, through his visionary leadership, Developing Our Youth has awarded thousands of scholarships over the past eight years, opening doors to higher education and life-changing opportunities for countless young people; and

WHEREAS, the organization's innovative programs foster resilience, discipline, and a positive outlook by integrating sports, recreation, arts, and cultural activities-tools that help young people envision and build brighter futures; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that education and career success are rooted not only in opportunities but also in mental health and emotional well-being, Developing Our Youth actively collaborates with colleges, career centers, and mental health organizations to provide holistic support; and

WHEREAS, the organization's partnerships with local entities-including youth groups, clergy, unions, businesses, and community organizations-serve as a vital safety net, addressing issues such as violence, trauma, and mental health challenges faced by our youth; and

WHEREAS, the active involvement of parents and teachers-working in partnership with the organization-enhances the mental health and overall well-being of participating youth, creating a nurturing environment essential for their growth and success; and

WHEREAS, these combined efforts empower our youth to overcome adversity, cultivate leadership, and develop a sense of community, ultimately fostering safer, stronger neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Jack Solomon for his dedication to the youth in his community and commend his unwavering commitment to transforming lives through Developing Our Youth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, presented by Fifth District Commissioner Dr. Kisha E. McCaskill, be recorded in the permanent archives of Cook County, and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Jack Solomon of Developing Our Youth.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2731

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE SEAN M. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**A PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE STICKNEY POLICE ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, The Village of Stickney rose on what was once Mud Lake, which stretched from Harlem Avenue to Kedzie Avenue at one time; and

WHEREAS, The Village was named after Alpheus Beede Stickney, a native of Maine, who was the first president of the Chicago Great Western Railway; and

WHEREAS, The Village was incorporated on December 16, 1913, and The Stickney Police Department was formed the same year; and

WHEREAS, Twelve years later, in 1925 The Stickney Police Association was chartered and is the oldest organization in the Village of Stickney; and

WHEREAS, Their primary goal is to work towards the betterment of the Stickney Police Department, by serving not only the civic but also the financial interests of the community; and

WHEREAS, The Stickney Police Association's interest is in maintaining high village standards and assisting in worthwhile organizations; and

WHEREAS, The membership is comprised of current and former police officers, auxiliary police officers, and elected officials residing within the Village of Stickney; and

WHEREAS, The Stickney Police Association organized the Stickney Police Reserve Organization; and

WHEREAS, From 1929 to 1937, during the depression years, the Stickney Police Association furnished coal and food to many Stickney families; and

WHEREAS, The Stickney Police Association loaned money to the Village of Stickney during the depression years to pay police officer salaries; and

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WHEREAS, The Stickney Police Association provided scholarship funds to send a Stickney resident to Washington D.C. to participate in the People-to-People Ambassador program; and

WHEREAS, The Stickney Police Association supports their schools such as purchasing uniforms for the Edison School Boys & Girls 5th Grade Basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, The Stickney Police Association also supports local organizations, such as the Stickney Forest View Lions Club, American Legion Post 687 and Stickney Youth Football Association; and

WHEREAS, As embodied above, The Stickney Police Association's motto of "Maintain Good Fellowship" has never wavered, it will always prevail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County Commissioner Sean M. Morrison and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, extends its sincere congratulations and gratitude to the Stickney Police Association for 100 years of Service and Fellowship; 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 Stickney Police Association.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2834

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE SEAN M. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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A RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE LEYDEN TOWNSHIP'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Leyden Township is one of 30 townships in Cook County, Illinois, located 10 miles West of the Chicago Loop; and

WHEREAS, In the 1840s farmers came to the area, which was then known as Orison; and

WHEREAS, The organization of Leyden Township took place 175 years ago on April 2, 1850, at the house of Richard Fuller; and

WHEREAS, Leyden Township was originally prairie except for a mile wide strip of timber extending from north to south along both sides of the Des Plaines River; and

WHEREAS, The largest trees in this timber were white oak, two feet in diameter; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago & Pacific Railroad laid tracks in Leyden Township in 1870, running them diagonally across the township along Old Army Trail or Grand Avenue, with a train station at 75th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Local speculators bought many of the smaller farms and subdivided the land for residential development; and

WHEREAS, Farming gave way to home construction. Out of the prairie arose Bensenville, Elmwood Park, Franklin Park, Melrose Park, Norridge, Northlake, Park Ridge, River Grove, Rosemont, and: Schiller Park, all of which lie in whole or in part within the borders of Leyden Township; and

WHEREAS, Unincorporated Leyden Township is home to approximately 10,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, 16 public elementary schools operate within Leyden Township; and

WHEREAS Leyden Township is home to Leyden High School District 212, which operates East and West Leyden High Schools and Elmwood Park Community Unit School District 401; and

WHEREAS, Leyden Township is also home to Triton Community College, located in River Grove; and

WHEREAS, Leyden Township is dedicated to providing strong leadership and coordination of communities, maintaining and improving the quality of life for their residents; and

WHEREAS, Leyden Township is proud to celebrate its Quartosept centennial Anniversary in 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County Commissioner Sean M. Morrison, and the entire Cook County Board extends its heartiest congratulations and well-wishes to Leyden Township on their 175th year of organization, wishing them every success in all the years to come; 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 Leyden Township.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025
TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

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Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2811

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE TARA S. STAMPS, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

IN LOVING MEMORY AND HONOR OF CARRON WOODS

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, together with Commissioner Tara Stamps, pauses to recognize and reflect upon the life and legacy of Carron Woods, a devoted public servant, compassionate leader, and proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Carron Woods served with honor, distinction, and unwavering dedication as the Past President of the Chicago Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, one of the most historic and influential chapters in the nation; and

WHEREAS, in her tenure as chapter president and throughout her membership, Soror Woods embodied the sorority's founding principles of scholarship, sisterhood, service, and social action-uplifting communities and empowering generations of women; and

WHEREAS, among her many accomplishments, Carron Woods was instrumental in leading the effort to burn the mortgage on the Chicago Alumnae Chapter's building-solidifying a lasting legacy of financial stewardship and organizational strength for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Carron's impact extended beyond her chapter, influencing civic life across Cook County through mentorship, community engagement, and tireless advocacy for equity and educational opportunity; and

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WHEREAS, her grace, wisdom, and leadership left a lasting legacy on the lives of those she served, inspired, and stood alongside in service; and

WHEREAS, her passing is deeply felt not only by her loving family and cherished sorors, but by the broader community who witnessed her dedication to making the world more just, compassionate, and inclusive; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Tara Stamps-herself a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.- joins the Cook County Board in lifting up the life and legacy of Carron Woods with gratitude and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby celebrate the extraordinary life of Carron Woods, Past President of the Chicago Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Carron Woods as an expression of Cook County's deepest condolences and admiration for a life lived in service, sisterhood, and strength.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2837

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TARA S. STAMPS AND MICHAEL SCOTT JR.,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY AS OLDER AMERICAN MONTH

WHEREAS, since 1963, the month of May has been designated as Older Americans Month, a time to recognize the countless contributions of older adults to our communities, economy, and cultural fabric; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 theme for Older Americans Month, “Powered by Connection,” emphasizes the importance of social connection in enhancing the mental, physical, and emotional well-being of older adults; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to more than 850,000 residents aged 60 and older, a growing population that includes veterans, caregivers, educators, activists, faith leaders, and civic pioneers who continue to shape the future of our region; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Aging and Disability Services, in partnership with the AgeOptions Area Agency on Aging and local community-based organizations, provides critical resources including in-home support, caregiver assistance, transportation services, wellness programming, and meal delivery for older adults; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the value of elder leadership and intergenerational engagement through initiatives that promote dignity, safety, and active living for seniors across all townships and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Cook County government joins municipalities, senior centers, libraries, community health organizations, and advocates across the region in hosting countywide events and recognitions throughout the month of May that celebrate the resilience, legacy, and continued impact of older Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize May 2025 as Older Americans Month in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board honors the strength, wisdom, and contributions of older residents across our County and commits to supporting policies, services, and programs that allow them to age with dignity, independence, and purpose; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to local aging partners and senior advocates in recognition of their commitment to improving the quality of life for Cook County’s older residents.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

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Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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25-2812

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE TARA S. STAMPS, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**SMALL BUSINESS AWARENESS MONTH AND HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF
THE AUSTIN AFRICAN AMERICAN BUSINESS NETWORKING ASSOCIATION (AAABNA)
AND PROFESSOR STEVEN ROGERS**

WHEREAS, May is recognized nationally as Small Business Awareness Month, a time to celebrate and uplift the vital role of small businesses in our economy and communities; and

WHEREAS, small businesses make up 99.6% of all businesses in Illinois and employ over 2.4 million people, fueling innovation, job creation, and local investment; and

WHEREAS, the Austin community on Chicago's West Side is home to a growing ecosystem of Black-owned businesses and entrepreneurs who contribute to the cultural and economic vibrancy of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Austin African American Business Networking Association (AAABNA) has been a leading force in empowering Black business owners through networking, advocacy, technical support, and neighborhood revitalization, strengthening local commerce and generational wealth-building in the Austin community; and

WHEREAS, Professor Steven Rogers, former Senior Lecturer at Harvard Business School and a proud Chicago native, has been a national voice for Black entrepreneurship and economic empowerment, shedding light on disparities in access to capital and the transformative potential of Black-owned enterprises; and

WHEREAS, Cook County supports local entrepreneurship through strategic investments, including the Small Business Assistance Program, the Grow Grant, and efforts to ensure equity in procurement and contracting for Minority- and Women-Owned Businesses (M/WBEs); and

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WHEREAS, building a stronger economy requires acknowledging and uplifting organizations like AAABNA and thought leaders like Professor Rogers, whose work helps challenge systemic barriers and expand opportunities for historically underserved communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by President Toni Preckwinkle and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize May as Small Business Awareness Month in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that special recognition is given to the Austin African American Business Networking Association (AAABNA) and Professor Steven Rogers for their leadership in advancing equity and economic mobility through entrepreneurship; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be shared with AAABNA and Professor Rogers as an expression of Cook County's deep appreciation for their continued commitment to inclusive economic development.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2813

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE TARA S. STAMPS, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**RECOGNIZING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH AND HONORING
COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES IN COOK COUNTY**

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WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Month is observed nationally each May to raise awareness, fight stigma, and promote access to mental health services and supports; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), 1 in 5 adults in the United States experience mental illness each year, and mental health challenges among youth have risen sharply in the past decade; and

WHEREAS, disparities in access to quality, culturally responsive mental health care remain a persistent challenge for Black, Brown, and underserved communities, particularly on the West and South Sides of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is working to address these challenges through community-centered care, innovative partnerships, and investments in behavioral health, including support for the Cook County Health Mental Health Program, which offers a continuum of services from crisis stabilization to outpatient therapy and care coordination; and

WHEREAS, Shop Talk, an initiative led by Commissioner Tara Stamps, provides a culturally affirming space for Black men and women to engage in dialogue around mental health, trauma, and healing-meeting them where they are in barbershops, campuses, and community spaces; and

WHEREAS, Collaborative Bridges, a trauma-informed nonprofit organization, focuses on promoting mental wellness, youth resilience, and culturally sensitive counseling services through mentorship, education, and healing-centered engagement; and

WHEREAS, Habilitative Systems, Inc., under the leadership of CEO Donald Dew, provides critical support to individuals and families facing mental health challenges-delivering trauma-informed, community-centered care that helps to break the stigma and expand access to mental health services throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County continues to invest in mental and behavioral health through its ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) allocations, advancing equity-driven solutions to address the mental health crisis in historically underserved neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Cook County and honors the leadership of Shop Talk, Cook County Health Mental Health Services, Collaborative Bridges, and Habilitative Systems, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board affirms its continued commitment to expanding equitable mental health resources, breaking down stigma, and investing in community-rooted solutions that center healing, dignity, and justice.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2824

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE MAGGIE TREVOR AND KEVIN B. MORRISON,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING GEORGE BUSSE FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO ELK GROVE
TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, George Busse has served with distinction as Supervisor of Elk Grove Township, culminating 24 years of dedicated public service to the residents of Elk Grove Township; and

WHEREAS, George Busse is part of a family legacy of County, Township, and Village public service dating back to 1848, including being a direct descendant of John Rohlwing who served as Elk Grove Township Supervisor in the early 1900s; and

WHEREAS, George Busse served 14 years as Trustee and 6 years as Clerk before assuming the role of Supervisor, demonstrating his enduring commitment to the residents of Elk Grove Township; and

WHEREAS, George Busse was recognized as Supervisor of the Year in 2024 specifically for his innovative leadership in providing social and mental health services to township residents; and

WHEREAS, George Busse dedicated 30 years to Naval service, including five command tours, bringing this experience in leadership and service to his role as Township Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, George Busse implemented dignity-centered approaches to assistance, including the "client choice" food pantry model and holiday programs designed to give parents the dignity of choosing gifts for their children; and

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WHEREAS, George Busse has consistently used his leadership to elevate and recognize the contributions and achievements of staff and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, George Busse has embodied Elk Grove Township's guiding principle of "Empowering People Through Community" by structuring programs around independence and self-sufficiency, from employment services to youth empowerment initiatives.

NOW. THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Cook County Board of Commissioners do recognize and honor George Busse for his distinguished public service and unwavering commitment to the residents of Elk Grove Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to George Busse as a token of appreciation for his exemplary leadership and service to Elk Grove Township.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

THIRD SET

25-2849

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE FRANK J. AGUILAR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CELEBRATING THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF OTIS P. GRAVES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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WHEREAS, Graves Elementary School was founded in 1924 and named after Otis P. Graves, a school board member from 1880 to 1914 and an early village trustee; and

WHEREAS, Graves Elementary School is located in the City of Summit, IL in the Township of Lyons; and

WHEREAS, Graves Elementary School is in Summit School District 104; and

WHEREAS, the original structure once faced 7336 Sixtieth Street, but future additions caused a vacation of the roadway; and

WHEREAS, Graves Elementary School was built to alleviate overcrowding; it housed both an elementary school and a junior high; and

WHEREAS, today, Graves is a Dual Language School housing over 500 students from Pre-Kindergarten to 5th grade; and

WHEREAS, the School District 104 Pre-Kindergarten program is located at Graves Elementary School. In 2020, District 104 Preschool for All Program was the proud recipient of the highest award given to Pre-Kindergarten programs in the State of Illinois. The Pre-Kindergarten Program was awarded the Gold Circle of Quality. Gold Circle programs have met the highest quality standards in three areas: learning environment and teaching quality, administrative standards, and training and education; and

WHEREAS, the administration, faculty, students and their families have given great support to Graves Elementary School over the last 100 years and have been integral in the continued success of the school; and

WHEREAS, the vision of Graves Elementary School is to inspire lifelong learners in a safe, nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the administration, staff and faculty, students and their families who have worked in and attended Graves Elementary School have made a large impact on their community and have been instrumental in maintaining and growing the school over the last 100 years; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize Graves Elementary School on their 100th anniversary in May of 2025..

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

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Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2886

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RECOGNIZING MAY AS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH

WHEREAS, National Bike Month, observed in May, brings communities throughout the United States together to encourage and celebrate cycling; and

WHEREAS, National Bike Month was founded by the League of American Bicyclists in 1956; and

WHEREAS, National Bike Month aims to encourage bicycling and highlight its advantages, motivating individuals to try it. May was selected as it features pleasant weather for cycling, making it an ideal period for heightened cycling engagement; and

WHEREAS, during the 1890's, the bicycle rose in popularity, particularly among women, as it offered greater mobility and independence; and

WHEREAS, Susan B. Anthony famously claimed that the bike contributed more to women's rights than any previous invention; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960's, cardiologist Dr. Paul Dudley White emerged as a spokesperson for the BIA, redirecting attention toward adult fitness and promoting improved cycling infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County offers numerous bike trails for community members to use and explore with their families, including Palos Hills and Busse Woods Trail; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the county introduced its inaugural Bike Plan, designed to improve connectivity and accessibility for cyclists; and

WHEREAS, this plan outlines the creation of 90 miles of new off-street paved trails, 150 miles of new side paths, and at least 230 miles of new on-street bike routes in Cook County; and

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WHEREAS, there are countless ways to celebrate Bike Month, such as commuting during Bike to Work Week, biking to coffee, or riding around the block.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes May as National Bike Month..

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2887

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RECOGNIZING MAY AS NATIONAL FAMILY WELLNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, May is National Family Wellness Month, a time dedicated to promoting the well-being of families and encouraging families to make lifestyle changes that enhance emotional, mental, and physical health; and

WHEREAS, the health of the family has been of concern since the beginning of time; and

WHEREAS, in the 1700's, epidemic diseases such as plague, cholera, and smallpox were a significant risk to families throughout history, especially the youth; and

WHEREAS, social status influences a family's eating habits. While lower-class families struggled to obtain sufficient and nutritious meals, affluent families enjoyed easy access to them; and

WHEREAS, National Family Wellness Month was established in 1983 by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) to encourage family health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, rising public awareness contributed to National Family Wellness Month achieving national recognition; and

WHEREAS, during the 1990's, schools throughout the county started to introduce activities centered on wellness curriculum; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, National Family Wellness Month became more significant as families globally encountered unprecedented challenges to their mental and physical health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, ways to enhance families' mental wellness include fostering a supportive atmosphere. This means establishing a positive and nurturing home where family members feel safe, loved, and supported; and

WHEREAS, reducing stress and anxiety can help manage stress and improve emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, encouraging healthy habits consists of choosing more nutritious foods, participating in family physical activities, and setting up healthy sleep routines; and

WHEREAS, encouraging open and honest communication, active listening, and spending quality time together can strengthen family bonds; and

WHEREAS, family wellness promotes lifelong healthy habits, enhances mental and emotional well-being, strengthens relationships through a shared purpose, and teaches children the importance of self-care and balanced living; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to educate and support families in making positive changes that benefit everyone's overall health and happiness; and

WHEREAS, this month promotes activities that enhance the whole family's physical, emotional, and social well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes May as National Family Wellness Month.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent

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Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows:

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2889

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RECOGNIZING MAY AS NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

WHEREAS, May is recognized as National Small Business Month in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this time is an opportunity to honor and acknowledge the impact of small businesses and entrepreneurs on the economy; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, President John F. Kennedy declared the inaugural National Small Business Week to acknowledge the vital contribution of small businesses to the American economy; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, the celebration was extended from a week to an entire month, enabling greater recognition and support for small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the U.S Small Business Administration (S.B.A.) helps organize this celebration every year; and

WHEREAS, the S.B.A. aids small business owners and entrepreneurs realize the American dream. This federal agency, dedicated to the support of small enterprises, provides counseling, funding, and contracting guidance to them; and

WHEREAS, supporting local shopping and sharing success stories encourages small businesses while showcasing their accomplishments and ensuring growth for others; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2020 study by the U.S. S.B.A., there are 31.7 million small businesses in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, small businesses accounted for 99.7% of all business establishments in Cook County; and

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WHEREAS, Cook County has introduced various initiatives to assist small businesses, including establishing a working group, the Source Grow Grant Program initiated in 2022, and the Small Business Source Platform; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are crucial for innovation, job creation, and community development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes May as National Small Business Month and commends all small businesses for their dedication and contributions.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2888

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARIA SAUCEDO STEAM MAGNET
ACADEMY**

WHEREAS, Maria Saucedo STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Magnet Academy is a Pre-K to 8th-grade city-wide STEAM magnet school located in the Little Village Marshall Square area; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the Maria Saucedo STEAM Magnet Academy is to maximize options, opportunities, and outcomes for students, families, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, after the closure of the Carter H Harrison Technical High School, the building was repurposed to serve the educational needs of Little Village and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Maria Saucedo STEAM Magnet Academy underwent significant reforms, including the introduction of early childhood education programs and fine arts curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the Maria Saucedo STEAM Magnet Academy was named after Maria Saucedo, a prominent figure in the city's education landscape; and

WHEREAS, Maria Saucedo was a dedicated educator and community advocate who played a crucial role in transforming the school into a hub of academic excellence and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Maria Saucedo STEAM Magnet Academy's mission is to provide a high-quality education that empowers students to reach their full potential and become lifelong learners through excellent academics, strong social-emotional support, and engaging extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Maria Saucedo STEAM Magnet Academy integrates STEAM principles into its curriculum to prepare students for future academic and career opportunities; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the school has embraced the STEAM curriculum, positioning itself as a city-wide magnet school; and

WHEREAS, offers a variety of extracurricular programs to engage students beyond the classroom; and

WHEREAS, some of the programs offered are before or after school, as well as during weekends and in the summertime; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, Maria Saucedo STEAM Magnet Academy has been a focal point for community engagement and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, parents and teachers organized a sit-in to protest the consolidation of Spry Community Link High School into the Maria Saucedo STEAM Magnet Academy, with the worry of overcrowding and lack of community input; and

WHEREAS, today, the Maria Saucedo STEAM Magnet Academy continues to honor its legacy by providing inclusive educational experiences and preparing students to succeed in society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the staff, volunteers, and supporters of the Maria Saucedo STEAM Magnet Academy on their 40th Anniversary; 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 Maria Saucedo STEAM Magnet Academy in honor of its outstanding work.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

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Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2885
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE SCOTT R. BRITTON, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA,
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**

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2025, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was announced as the 267th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, then-Cardinal Prevost chose the papal name Leo XIV first used by Pope Leo the Great whose papacy lasted from 440 to 461, and included an infamous meeting with Atilla the Hun where Pope Leo dissuaded him from attacking Rome; and

WHEREAS, then-Cardinal Prevost's papal name Leo was last used by Pope Leo XIII who led the Catholic Church 1878 and 1903 who is well known for his commitment to social issues, and for addressing workers' rights and capitalism in the face of the industrial age; and

WHEREAS, Pope Leo XIV is the first Pope from the United States to fill the role; and

WHEREAS, Pope Leo XIV was born in Chicago in 1955 and grew up in south suburban Dolton in a devout Catholic family; and

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WHEREAS, in addition to his Chicago roots, Pope Leo XIV maintains a deep family history in Louisiana, and has Haitian and Creole ancestry; and

WHEREAS, then-Cardinal Prevost graduated from Villanova University in Pennsylvania with a degree in mathematics, followed by a Master's of Divinity from the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, following his ordination, then-Cardinal Prevost was a missionary in Peru leading an Augustinian seminary. He obtained Peruvian citizenship in 2015, often referring to the country as his second homeland; and

WHEREAS, he was made a cardinal in 2023 by Pope Francis; and

WHEREAS, Pope Leo XIV has expressed a vision for a Church that is inclusive, led by servant leadership, and unafraid to confront the poverty, conflict, inequality that are all too rampant in our world; and

WHEREAS, there are 1.3 billion Catholics worldwide, and around 2 million Catholics in Cook and Lake Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, extends its heartfelt congratulations and warmest wishes to His Holiness Pope Leo XIV; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE SCOTT R. BRITTON, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA,
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**

**RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE
FRANCIS**

WHEREAS, Pope Francis was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio to Italian immigrants Mario José Bergoglio and Regian María Sívori on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina; and

WHEREAS, after graduating as a chemical technician, Pope Francis opted for the path of the priesthood, entering the Diocesan Seminar of Villa Devoto; and

WHEREAS, through a lifetime of devotion, humility, and service, Pope Francis became the 266th pope on March 13, 2013, making him the first Jesuit pope and first pope from the Americas; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis chose the name Francis in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, himself a man of peace and poverty, who loved and protected creation; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis lead with unwavering commitment to social justice, care for the poor, environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis counseled priests to show mercy and courage, and keep their doors open to everyone; and

WHEREAS, under Pope Francis' leadership, the Catholic Church emphasized inclusivity, and reconciliation, reaching out to refugees, justice involved individuals, and the sick, while calling upon world leaders to uphold human dignity and promote the common good; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis promoted unity and intersectionality across religious and ideological divides; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis passed on April 21, 2025, at the age of 88 and was laid to rest on April 26, 2025 at the Basilica of Saint Mary Major; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to a diverse Catholic community, comprised of nearly 2 million individuals covered by the Archdiocese of Chicago which serves Cook and Lake Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby honor and celebrate the life and legacy of His Holiness Pope

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Francis for his vision in a divided world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE SCOTT R. BRITTON, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA,
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 MAY 2025 AS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month was first recognized on April 20, 2006, and is an annual celebration of the history and contributions of Jewish Americans, providing an opportunity to recognize the enduring legacy of Jewish culture and faith in the United States, and to reflect on the accomplishments and contributions of Jewish Americans and promotes understanding, acceptance, and respect for all cultures and religions; and

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WHEREAS, Jewish American Heritage Month presents ample opportunity to celebrate through education, reflection, and the promotion of cultural understanding, in recognition of the profound and lasting contributions of Jewish Americans to Cook County and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans such as Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel and Jack Greenberg were prominent figures in the Civil Rights movement, marching alongside Martin Luther King Jr. and fostered a commitment to social justice; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have contributed to the development of various sectors of American society, including the arts, business, government, education, social justice, and public service; and

WHEREAS, notable thought leaders include renowned theoretical physicist Albert Einstein, feminist activist Gloria Steinem, comic book author Stan Lee, singer-songwriter Bob Dylan, and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 2.4% of the American population, or 7.5 million adults and children, identify as Jewish; and

WHEREAS, Brandeis University estimates Cook County to be home to 319,000 Jewish individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish American community faced 1,989 incidents of discrimination and persecution in 2023 as reported to the FBI, a total that is likely far less than the number experience as so many hate crimes go unreported; and

WHEREAS, Jewish American community continue to espouse the core tenant of *Tikkun Olam*, the practice of working for justice and equality and actively working to repair and improve the world; and

WHEREAS, to combat all injustice, including antisemitism, the Cook County United Against Hate initiative inspires individual and organizations to publicly denounce hate, create welcoming spaces, support community learning, and take action to disrupt hate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby commemorate and celebrate the month of May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the Jewish American organizations in Cook County as a means of conveying our thanks and congratulations.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

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Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HONORING JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, May is recognized nationally as Jewish American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the rich history, culture, and contributions of Jewish Americans who have helped shape and strengthen the United States; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans have played vital roles in civic life, innovation, civil rights, education, the arts, and social progress, contributing to the nation's diversity and success; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish community in Cook County has been a source of leadership, inspiration, and resilience, committed to the principles of justice, education, and community empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the values of *tzedakah* (charity), *tikkun olam* (repairing the world), and social justice, central to Jewish tradition, continue to guide Jewish institutions and leaders who work in partnership to build a stronger, more inclusive Cook County; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of honoring and preserving Jewish culture and heritage, and commend the many organizations in Cook County that educate, advocate, and uplift the voices of Jewish Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month in Cook County, and encourages all residents to learn from and celebrate the enduring contributions of the Jewish American community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board commends the work of local and national organizations who preserve and promote Jewish culture and identity, including:

- Jewish United Fund (JUF) of Metropolitan Chicago

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- Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center
- Jewish Community Centers (JCC) Chicago
- Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Midwest Region
- Chicago Jewish Historical Society
- Keshet (
- Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership
- JCFS Chicago (Jewish Child and Family Services)
- Chicago Board of Rabbis
- Local synagogues, schools, and interfaith coalitions throughout the 10th District

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Jewish community leaders, organizations, and cultural institutions in Cook County as a lasting token of respect and gratitude from Commissioner Bridget Gainer and the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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Sponsored by

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**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER AND
PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LORI HEALEY

WHEREAS, Lori T. Healey was born in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1959 to Col. Stephen and Linda (Sigley) Thomas; and

WHEREAS, she earned a BA in Economics and an MS in Public Administration from Kansas State University, who have recognized her as a Distinguished Alumna; and

WHEREAS, Healey was a distinguished public servant who dedicated her life to urban development, civic and business engagement, and building community; and

WHEREAS, throughout her storied career, Healey acted as a mentor to so many, and particularly invested in mentoring young women; and

WHEREAS, Healey's remarkable career spanned public and private sectors. She served as Chief of Staff and Commissioner of the Department of Planning and Development under Mayor Richard M. Daley, where she oversaw more than \$1 billion in economic development investments in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, as CEO of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (McCormick Place), she was instrumental in major developments including the Marriott Marquis Chicago and Wintrust Arena, while also overseeing the largest convention center in North America; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, she joined the Obama Foundation as Senior Vice President and Executive Project Officer, overseeing design of the Obama Presidential Center in Jackson Park. The center, set to open in 2026, reflects her commitment to creating spaces to inspire and empower communities; and

WHEREAS, Healey was deeply involved in Chicago's civic community and served on a number of prominent boards including the Chicago Fire Department Foundation, Choose Chicago, the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, the Chicago Sports Commission, the Chicago Urban League, the City Club of Chicago, Navy Pier, Chicago Architecture Foundation and World Business Chicago; and

WHEREAS, she was an avid horsewoman and competed in dressage at a national level with her beloved horses. She also enjoyed golfing and skiing, Chicago sports teams, and travel; and

WHEREAS, Healey passed on May 3, 2025 after battling pancreatic cancer. She is survived by her loving children and grandchildren: son, Ramsey Al-Abed (Christina Kozaya and daughter Mylo); daughter Emily Thompson Lewis (Steve Lewis and grandchildren Oliver, Zoe and Nora), and partner Walt Eckenhoff. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Stephen A. Thomas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners honor the remarkable life and enduring legacy of Lori T. Healey and her significant contributions to the City of Chicago and Cook County; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Lori T. Healey in memoriam of her life and legacy.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN COOK COUNTY AND THE 15TH DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the month of May is recognized as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Cook County celebrates the vast contributions made by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in our communities; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in our District's social, economic, and democratic success, as well as their role in making Cook County a great place with diverse culture; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of those who have made great contributions and selfless efforts and helped develop a great working relationship with the Board of Commissioners; and

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WHEREAS, Adbhhut Media, founded by Gurmeet Singh Dhalwan in 2018, is global media organization dedicated to enhancing society by creating, collecting, and distributing high-quality news and information and continually works to give back to the community by organizing events with media partners, and unclosing global support for unprivileged children and families; and

WHEREAS, Bhagat Singh Dhalwan, Vandana Jhingan, Hemant Patel, Raj Patel, Amajreet Singh, Jasbir Kaur Mann, Syed Hussaini, Onkar Singh Sangha, Shailesh Rajput, Anurag Awasthi also serve as beacons in their community; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's strength is in its diversity, and the work of these individuals are shining examples of that strength.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor these individuals for the outstanding work they do in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Adbhhut Media in recognition of their contributions to Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BARRINGTON VILLAGE PRESIDENT KAREN DARCH RETIREMENT

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WHEREAS, Karen Darch first moved to the Village of Barrington in April 1985 and immediately fell in love with the Village's green open space, its quaint, walkable downtown, and the easy access to Chicago via rail; and

WHEREAS, Darch, an attorney and graduate of University of North Carolina School of Law, began her service as a Village Trustee in 1995; and

WHEREAS, she went on to be first elected as Village President in 2005 and was then re-elected in 2009, 2013, 2017, and 2021; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as Village President, Darch was elected as Northwest Municipal Conference President: 2008-2009; and

WHEREAS, Darch has also served as the Barrington Area Council of Governments Chair from 2012-2013 and 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, Darch additionally served as Chair of the Executive Committee for the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus from 2012-2012; and

WHEREAS, she additionally served as President, Vice President, and Legislative Chair of the Executive Committee for the Northwest Municipal Conference; and

WHEREAS, Darch was also a founding member of the Northwest Water Planning Alliance; and

WHEREAS, she additionally served as Vice-Chairman of the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC); and

WHEREAS, Darch was also Co-Chairperson on The Regional Answer to Canadian National Coalition (TRAC); and

WHEREAS, she has also served on the Northwest Mayors Technical Committee for Transportation Funding, the DuPage Railroad Safety Council Board of Directors, and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, at the state level, Darch has served on the Illinois Municipal League as President from 2016-2017 and was also appointed to serve on the Governor's Bicentennial Celebration Commission, his Consolidation and Unfunded Mandates Task Force, and as Co-Chair of his Local Government Transition Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, nationally, Darch has served on the National League of Cities Transportation & Infrastructure Services Committee since 2013, and was an avid advocate for rail safety initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Darch has remained heavily involved in the local community she serves, including on the Healthier Barrington Coalition, Jeffrey Pride Foundation, Character Counts, District 220 Strategic Planning Committee, Barrington Area Council on Aging (BACOA), the Good Shepherd Hospital Development Council, and Lake County Illinois Military Advisory Council; and

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WHEREAS, some of Darch's key projects have included establishing the Village of Barrington's home rule status, the downtown redevelopment plan, funding for construction for Route 14 underpass, upgrading water and sewer systems, Barrington's White House community and cultural center, and the June in Bloom Project to Beautify Northwest Highway; and

WHEREAS, Darch announced that she would not run for re-election; and

WHEREAS, after serving as Village President for 20 years, Darch presided over her final meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, after over 30 years of dedicated service, advocacy, and leadership for the Village of Barrington, Darch will now be able to spend her much-deserved retirement with her husband Doug Darch, six children, and seven grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Karen Darch on her many years of service to the Village of Barrington, and wish her well on her retirement; and

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

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RECOGNIZING NEW SEOUL KOREAN CHARCOAL B.B.Q.

WHEREAS, the month of May is recognized as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Cook County celebrates the vast contributions made by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in our communities; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of Asian Pacific Americans in our District's social, economic, and democratic success, as well as their role in making Cook County a great place with diverse culture; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's strength is in its diversity, and it remains vital that we uplift our diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, an example of this rich diversity includes New Seoul Korean Charcoal B.B.Q. in Des Plaines, IL; and

WHEREAS, New Seoul has been a staple of Des Plaines since 1999, founded by Thomas Kim; and

WHEREAS, New Seoul was founded by Kim to replicate the taste and atmosphere of the Korean B.B.Q. restaurants he grew up with in South Korea; and

WHEREAS, New Seoul provides residents of Des Plaines, Cook County, and Illinois the opportunity to enjoy truly authentic Korean B.B.Q.; and

WHEREAS, food is considered a part of intangible cultural heritage, a way of life that is passed down from generation to generation; and

WHEREAS, New Seoul, and restaurants like it, are important for providing our local communities opportunities to explore diverse cuisines, allowing all to gain insights into various societies' history, traditions, and social structures; and

WHEREAS, it remains important that we make every effort to include, support, and uplift the many amazing cultures and communities that make up the rich tapestry of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has continued its dedication to these communities through measures such as the VOTE Ordinance and its accompanying amendments that have guaranteed expanded language access to also include Gujarati, Urdu, Arabic, Korean, Tagalog, Ukrainian, Polish, and Russian; and

WHEREAS, through the power knowledge, exposure to the wealth of different languages, cultures, and foods connect us universally, allowing us to better understand, relate, and support each other.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize New Seoul Korean Charcoal B.B.Q and the positive impact it has on all our communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to the honorees listed above.

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Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REMEMBERING CHRIS J. BIANCALANA

WHEREAS, Chris James Biancalana was born on September 22, 1964, to Reno and Caryl Biancalana; and

WHEREAS, Chris was the devoted father of Gabriella (Francesco) Ricchio and Vincent Biancalana; and

WHEREAS, Chris was the beloved brother of Steven Biancalana, the late Gary Biancalana, Michael (Patty) Biancalana, Craig (Tracy) Biancalana, and Dina White, and the dear uncle & great-uncle to many nieces & nephews; and

WHEREAS, starting as the youngest member of his hiring class, Chris worked as a Crew Chief for American Airlines for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Chris almost immediately began to get involved with Transport Workers Union Local 512; and

WHEREAS, Chris went on to serve in a variety of roles for TWU 512 for over 25 years including as Shop Steward, Executive Board Member, Vice President, and Chairman of the Illinois/Indiana State TWU Legislative Conference; and

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WHEREAS, Chris additionally served as President of Transport Workers Union Local 512 from 2013 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, he handled nearly all TWU 512 grievance filings for over seven years with much success and to the great benefit of the union members he defended; and

WHEREAS, Chris became known for his ‘gift of gab’, bringing together people from both sides of the table with his distinct ability to talk with people and facilitate understanding; and

WHEREAS, Chris was a fierce advocate for worker’s rights and was a pillar of strength in his union’s family; and

WHEREAS, Chris’s leadership, integrity, and compassion touched countless lives; and

WHEREAS, Chris’s legacy lives on in the people he fought for, the family he cherished, and the example he set for all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Chris passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on April 28, 2025, at the age of 60.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Chris Biancalana and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to the family of Chris Biancalana, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SCHOOL DISTRICT 211 BOARD REPRESENTATIVE ANNA KLIMKOWICZ RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Anna Klimkowicz was first elected to Illinois' largest high school district, Palatine-Schaumburg High School District 211, in 1997; and

WHEREAS, her tenure has included everything from how to provide instruction amid a highly infectious pandemic to evaluating the Columbine tragedy's influence on school security; and

WHEREAS, prior to her service at District 211, Klimkowicz taught for two years and additionally served on the PTA in Schaumburg Township Elementary District 54; and

WHEREAS, Klimkowicz has had the opportunity to watch both the District and education overall improve over time, and see the much-needed greater emphasis on students' mental health; and

WHEREAS, Klimkowicz has found the value of mutual respect to be the ultimate lesson of the most emotionally charged matters the Board has dealt with; and

WHEREAS, after 28 years of dedicated service to the students of District 211, Klimkowicz left the board on April 24, 2025, having decided not to seek an eighth term with the belief that there should be another seat for someone with children in the schools; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong learner, Klimkowicz is still leaving her impact on the community as she maintains her professional jobs as an addictions counselor for SHARE and working with people on the verge of homelessness through Northwest Compass, both positions that have come about through education and certification attained during her time on the District 211 board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Anna Klimkowicz on her years of service to the students of District 211, and wish her well on her future endeavors; and

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

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
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Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE BILL LOWRY AND ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, since 1949 May has been recognized as national Mental Health Awareness Month by organizations, advocates, healthcare providers and leaders as a time to draw awareness to issues, research and resources connected to mental health; and

WHEREAS, mental health is an essential part of each person's overall health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, mental health impacts a person's emotional, social, environmental, financial and overall well-being, with significant disparities among racially and ethnically diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) 1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness each year; 1 in 20 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness; 1 in 6 youth ages 6-17 experience a mental disorder each year; 50% of all lifetime illness began by age 14 and 75% by age 24; and suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death of children ages 10-14; and

WHEREAS, historic and ongoing disinvestment in Black and Brown communities contributes to disproportionate health outcomes due to factors including lack of access to adequate and affordable mental health services, higher rates of crime, violence and incarceration that result from systemic disinvestment; and

WHEREAS, people with mental health disorders are over-represented in the justice system with the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration reporting 18% of the general population

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having a mental illness with 44% of individuals in jails and 37% of individuals in prisons having a mental illness; and

WHEREAS, a broad scope of behavioral health services is needed to support the mental health of our residents, including prevention and early intervention, treatment, recovery and support services, and crisis care; and

WHEREAS, to achieve mental health parity, systems-level collaborative efforts are necessary to improve service coordination across behavioral health, housing and criminal legal systems; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is committed to improving the health and well-being of all residents; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Communities pillar of the Cook County Policy Roadmap reiterates our commitment to reducing residents' barriers to accessing health services, including a commitment to a public health approach to supporting healthy communities that emphasizes trauma-informed strategies for mental health and community safety, and a commitment to advancing policies and programs that encourage healthy, active living and overall wellbeing through collaboration and partnership with government agencies, community-based organizations, and healthcare providers; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's commitments to strengthening ecosystem of mental health services they have most recently included awarding \$24 million to 31 awardees for the Building Healthier Communities: Behavioral Health Initiative in 2022 and 2023, awarding over \$44 million in grants to 53 organizations for the initiative Stronger Together: Building a More Equitable Behavioral Health System in Cook County in 2024, opening the Mental Health Triage and Stabilization Center at Provident Hospital and the Bronzeville Health Center in 2025, and partnering with the National Alliance for Mental Illness to sustain a Mental Health Hotline for Suburban residents; and

WHEREAS, Cook County remains committed to supporting improved access to mental health services through qualified health care provider agencies and cross-agency collaborations; and

WHEREAS, anyone experiencing mental health challenges, feeling overwhelmed, or just needing someone to talk to can call, text or chat 988, the Nationwide Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Month of May is recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month in Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cook County, led by the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners (County Board) in collaboration with Cook County Health (CCH) and the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) commit to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health issues, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and commit to continued and increased cross-agency partnerships and partnerships with community-based organizations to address the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2891

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION HONORING FIRST LADIES OF THE CHURCH

WHEREAS, the term "First Lady" has a long and nuanced history. In the early days of the United States, it primarily referred to the wives of presidents, whose roles were largely ceremonial. Over time, however, the position of First Lady has evolved to include a wider array of responsibilities, often involving advocacy, public service, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the wife of a pastor plays a significant role within the church community. As a partner in ministry, she often supports her husband's work and takes on responsibilities that influence and guide the congregation. Given the importance of her role, the title "First Lady" is sometimes used to honor and acknowledge her contributions and leadership within the church; and

WHEREAS, in modern times, many First Ladies are also ordained ministers, co-pastors, entrepreneurs, authors, and leaders, redefining the role and challenging traditional gender expectations within the church while remaining deeply rooted in faith and service; and

WHEREAS, First Ladies of the church have historically and consistently embodied grace, wisdom, and strength, serving as pillars of faith and inspiration in their congregations and communities; and

WHEREAS, their contributions extend beyond the walls of the church, as they engage in community outreach, advocate for social justice, and empower others through education, mentorship, and charitable works; and

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WHEREAS, their steadfast faith, resilience, and unwavering commitment to the work of the Lord have left an indelible impact on the spiritual growth and well-being of their congregations; and

WHEREAS, First Ladies have demonstrated through their words, actions, and ministries the continuing power and influence of this role in nurturing congregations, building communities, and upholding spiritual values; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices, prayers, and love of First Ladies have profoundly shaped the legacy of the church, fostering unity, hope, and transformation for generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County Commissioner Stanley Moore, 4th District, do hereby recognize and honor the invaluable contributions and enduring legacy of First Ladies of the church; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest gratitude for their tireless service, visionary leadership, and faith-filled example, which continue to uplift and inspire us all; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the official records of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County of our appreciation and a symbol of our respect and admiration.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2884

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOSINA MORITA, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**HONORING THE HONORABLE DAN DIMARIA ON HIS RETIREMENT AND
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Dan DiMaria was born and raised in Niles and has lived in Morton Grove with his wife Melodee, and their 5 children since 1997; and

WHEREAS, since 2001, the Honorable DiMaria has served the Village of Morton Grove in various roles, including as Village Clerk, Village Trustee, and Mayor; and

WHEREAS, when the Honorable DiMaria was elected as Mayor in 2013, he championed a bold vision for economic development that led to the completion of several transformative projects including the modernization of the Morton Grove Metra Station and the development of the Sawmill Station mixed-use lifestyle center bringing national brands and new amenities to the center of Morton Grove; and

WHEREAS, during his leadership, Morton Grove partnered with the Village of Niles to create the Morton Grove Niles Water Commission, which stabilized water rates and included over 100 million dollars in new infrastructure, led the successful Lehigh/Ferris Tax Increment Financing District, generating over a million dollars in new annual property taxes for the school districts; and

WHEREAS, from revitalizing the Village's commercial districts to attracting new business and supporting local entrepreneurs, the Honorable DiMaria has attracted new investment, created jobs, strengthened the Village's tax base, and improved the overall quality of life of residents; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable DiMaria has also spearheaded major public projects, including the construction of the new Morton Grove Metra Station and the relocation of the current Village Hall and Police Station to an improved municipal complex. He was instrumental in completing the 2015 Strategic Plan and 2023 update, and in developing the Village's logo and tagline, "Incredibly Close, Amazingly Open"; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable DiMaria has served as the President of the Northwest Municipal Conference, a Director for the Morton Grove Foundation, and the restaurant Chair for the Taste of Morton Grove; and

WHEREAS, Dan DiMaria will be retiring after serving 12 years as Mayor and for a total of over 20 years of service to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor and recognize the Honorable DiMaria for his contributions to Morton Grove and Cook County; 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 the Honorable DiMaria.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2851

Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board Of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE UNVEILING OF THE HONORARY STREET NAMING FOR THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH TISDAHL

WHEREAS, the Honorable Elizabeth Tisdahl has lived in Evanston and served the community for almost four decades; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Tisdahl helped to found the Mothers Against Gangs School Liaison in 1987 and served on the Evanston Community Foundation Advisory Committee from 1987 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Tisdahl spent twelve years on the Evanston Township High School Board of Education beginning in 1989, serving two of those years as the President of that organization; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Tisdahl served as Alderman of Evanston's 7th Ward from 2003 until 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Tisdahl served as Evanston's Mayor from 2009 to 2017. During her tenure she expanded the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program to unprecedented levels, earning national recognition and providing pathways to job skills and dignity for young residents. She built lasting partnerships with schools, nonprofits and employers, and laid the foundation for the Youth and Young Adult program that continues to serve as a lifeline for at-risk youth; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Tisdahl strengthened the relationship between the community and Northwestern University, worked with U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin and Rep. Jan Schakowsky to procure funding to bring a branch of the Erie Health Center to Evanston, and expanded the sale of water to five communities, resulting in additional revenue for the community; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2025, the City of Evanston will designate McDaniel Avenue between Simpson Street and Martha Lane as "Elizabeth Tisdahl Way"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby celebrate the unveiling of the honorary street sign celebrating the Honorable Elizabeth Tisdahl's lifelong

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commitment to public service; 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 the Honorable Tisdahl.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

25-2865

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOSINA MORITA AND KEVIN B. MORRISON,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING MAY AS ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, there were approximately 409,000 Asian Americans in Cook County representing 7.7% of the County's population in 2020. Asian Americans experienced a 28.2% population increase, the highest minority population growth rate in Cook County, between 2010 and 2020;; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans come from over 40 countries and the Asian diaspora speaking 2,300 languages and dialects, and a myriad of religions; and

WHEREAS, the American story would not be possible without the strength, contributions, and legacies of Asian Americans who have helped build and unite this country in each successive generation from building

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the railroads connecting the East to the West, farming fields, starting businesses, caring for our loved ones and honorably serving our Nation in uniform; and

WHEREAS, May was chosen for two reasons. First, to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States, a young fisherman named Manjiro, who arrived May 7, 1843 and the majority of workers on the transcontinental railroad were Chinese immigrants, who laid the tracks and were responsible for most of the dangerous and heavy manual labor tasks; and

WHEREAS, anti-Asian policies, from exclusionary immigration policies to the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, have been prevalent throughout the history of this country including the recent rise in anti-Asian hate has caused great pain, fear and loss; and

WHEREAS, Asian American representation in elected office across Illinois has grown exponentially in the last decade, bringing greater participation and visibility for Asian Americans in government; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly, led by the Asian American Caucus, passed the Teaching Asian American Community History (TEAACH) Act in 2021, making Illinois the first state in the nation to require a unit of Asian American history in all public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a Resolution to Stop the Violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in 2021, the Asian American Data Inclusion Resolution in 2024 and recognized the role of Asian American employees in 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize May as Asian American Heritage Month and recommit to the struggle for Asian American equity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies be given to local organizations serving the Asian American community.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

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

25-2868

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOSINA MORITA, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RONALD MCMILLON

WHEREAS, Ronald McMillon was born in July of 1956 to Ronald & Arlene McMillon; and

WHEREAS, Ronald grew up on the Southside of Chicago spending his childhood in Jeffery Manor & South Shore; and

WHEREAS, Ronald graduated from Mendel Catholic High School and attended Illinois State University before realizing his passion for public service and joining the Chicago Fire Department, where he served for nearly two decades. After leaving the fire department, Ronald obtained his realtor license and became a real estate agent; and

WHEREAS, Ronald married his wife Rhonda in 1981. The two would remain married until his passing; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Ronald & Rhonda purchased a home in South Shore where they raised their children; and

WHEREAS, Ronald was preceded in death by his father Ronald McMillon. He leaves behind his wife Rhonda, children Julian, Zakiya, Jabari, Jamila (Sam), his grandchildren Skai and Criston, his mother Arlene, and his brother Kevin (Barbara), and a host of other loving family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Ronald enjoyed playing golf, chess, watching sports, and spending time with his family; and

WHEREAS, Ronald will be remembered for his lively sense of humor and the joy he brought to those around him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Ronald McMillon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Ronald McMillon as a symbol of our respect, and heartfelt condolences.

Approved and adopted this 15th of May 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vasquez (15)

Nays: None (0)

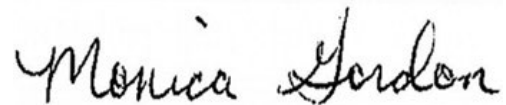
Absent: Commissioner Lowry, McCaskill (2)

The motion carried and was APPROVED.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on June 12, 2025, in accordance with County Board Resolution 25-0986.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.



COUNTY CLERK