



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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BOARD NOTICE AND AGENDA

Thursday, October 23, 2025, 9:00 AM

Consent Agenda - Issued on 10/17/2025

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF GOV. JIM EDGAR

WHEREAS, As the 38th Governor of Illinois, Jim Edgar inherited what was then the largest deficit in the state's history. He eliminated a backlog of \$1 billion of unpaid health care bills. He provided income tax relief and left an unprecedented \$1.5 billion in the treasury for his successor;

WHEREAS, Edgar started his state government career in 1968 as a top aide to leaders in the Illinois House and Senate. From 1975 until 1976, he was director of state services for the National Conference of State Legislatures in Denver. He was then elected to the Illinois House from Charleston in 1976 and 1978. In 1979 and 1980, he was director of legislative affairs for Gov. Jim Thompson, who appointed him as secretary of state when a vacancy occurred. Edgar was elected in 1982 and re-elected in 1986 by the largest plurality ever amassed by a statewide candidate;

WHEREAS, Edgar was elected governor in 1990 and re-elected by the widest plurality of any incumbent Illinois chief executive has received, carrying 101 of the state's 102 counties, including Cook. His announcement that he would not seek a third term surprised the Illinois media and political insiders who cited poll numbers that indicated he had earned the highest approval rating of any Illinois chief executive and was in a strong position to win again;

WHEREAS, his record as governor built on his accomplishments as secretary of state, where he led a crackdown on drunk drivers, developed an adult literacy program that became a national model and won a hard-fought battle to win General Assembly approval of legislation requiring motorists to carry insurance;

WHEREAS, Edgar also reformed welfare through innovative initiatives to move recipients from dependence to independence. He saved homeowners billions of dollars by proposing and winning legislative approval for caps on property taxes. He fought for - and won -- legislation to establish an adequate funding level for each school child in Illinois. He and First Lady Brenda Edgar won national recognition for their adoption initiative that took Illinois from the bottom to the top among states in placing children in loving homes;

WHEREAS, after retiring from elective office, Edgar was a resident fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard in 1999. Since then, he continued his commitment to responsible and responsive government as a distinguished fellow at the University of Illinois' Institute of Government and Public Affairs. He spearheaded the Edgar Fellow program, which brings together emerging leaders from all parts of Illinois to foster the statesmanship that will address major challenges across regional, partisan and ethnic lines;

WHEREAS, Edgar also lectured students at the U of I and in colleges and universities throughout the state and serves on several corporate and non-profit boards. He is president emeritus of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation;

WHEREAS, in human services, Edgar revolutionized the delivery of programs to families by reorganizing the functions of six agencies, by initiating a program to provide medical coverage to children of the working poor and by establishing sweeping welfare reforms long before Washington acted. As a result, caseloads fell and nearly 200,000 families moved from welfare rolls to payrolls, a 50 percent reduction;

WHEREAS, his economic development strategies helped the state through the recession of the early 1990s and positioned Illinois as a national leader in economic recovery. During his administration, the number of Illinoisans working rose by 600,000 and the Illinois unemployment rate reached its lowest level in nearly three decades;

WHEREAS, his environmental record was unparalleled in Illinois history. The state acquired more acres of land for open space and recreational use than ever before. For his efforts, which led many to call him the "conservation governor," Edgar received the Nature Conservancy of Illinois' Lifetime Achievement Award in 1998. While steadfastly seeking a healthy environment, Edgar sought to balance that goal with the need for a healthy economy. Under Edgar's leadership, Illinois became a national trendsetter in solving environmental problems at less cost to businesses and taxpayers;

WHEREAS, he served in a variety of national leadership roles -- president of the Council of State Governments, chairman of the Education Commission of the States and chair of committees on economic development and education in the National Governors' Association. Edgar also served on the executive committee of the National Governors' Association and chaired the Midwest Governors' Association;

WHEREAS, Edgar was born July 22, 1946, in Vinita, Oklahoma, and moved to Illinois as a youngster. He was educated in Charleston public schools and graduated from Eastern Illinois University, where he majored in history and was elected student body president. He and the former Brenda Smith of Anna have two children, Elizabeth and Brad. Elizabeth is the parent of grandchildren Jake Lowe, who just graduated from George Washington University, and Cecilia Lowe, who is a student at the University of Puget Sound. Brad and his wife, Stacey, are the parents of the other three grandchildren, Dakota and Cali Ann, who graduated from the University of Colorado, and Ellie, who graduated from the University of Wyoming; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor the life and legacy of Gov. Jim Edgar for his immeasurable contributions to the State of Illinois

[25-3949](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**COOK COUNTY SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS
NOVEMBER 4-11, 2025**

WHEREAS, the residents of Cook County, Illinois have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Cook County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Cook County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby declare from November 4th through November 11th, 2025, as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Cook County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 4th through November 11th, 2025.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COOK COUNTY RECOGNIZES VETERANS DAY ON NOVEMBER 11, 2025

WHEREAS, Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally proclaimed a holiday on November 11, 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson to honor the end of World War I; and

WHEREAS, November 11, subsequently declared a legal holiday in 1938, was “dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day”. In 1954, at the urging of veterans’ organizations, the 1938 Act was amended by replacing Armistice Day with Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary War to the present day, the contributions made to the United States of America by her citizen soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who stand in our place to defend the freedoms we enjoy cannot be calculated; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has the largest veteran population in this state with over 137,000 veterans; 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, Americans still give thanks to veterans for their service on Veterans Day with ceremonies and speeches and at 11 a.m. many Americans observe a moment of silence in remembrance of those who fought and for those who gave their lives to preserve the freedom we now enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of our citizens who have answered the call to duty to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, in defense of our democratic principles, gives this great nation continued strength and vitality; 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 citizens who have answered the call to duty to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, in defense of our democratic principles; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is a day set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military for their service - in wartime or peacetime; and

WHEREAS, the commemoration of this day is a matter of historic and patriotic significance to all American citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize November 11, 2025, as Veterans Day and ask that on this day of honor all citizens express their gratitude to our veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with respect and gratitude, we salute all our veterans, remembering “all gave some and some gave all” and devote special attention to those veterans who are sick and disabled, and show them through our actions that we remember and honor them.

[25-4065](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER 2025 AS MANUFACTURING APPRECIATION MONTH IN COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, Cook County utilizes a sector driven economic development strategy and prioritizes and invests in sectors like manufacturing that offer relatively low barriers to entry and good jobs with strong career pathways; and

WHEREAS, Cook County proudly recognizes that Chicagoland has the second largest manufacturing sector in the nation and has been recognized for its strength in metals fabrication, machinery and equipment manufacturing, casting and forging along with food processing, plastics and chemicals manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, the Department of Defense recognized northeastern Illinois as the nation’s leader in the production of forged and stamped parts with the greatest business density and largest forging and stamping workforce of any US metro area in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Cook County participates in The Illinois Defense Manufacturing Consortium (ILDMC) which brings together stakeholders from industry, community, government, and academia to strengthen the casting and forging sectors in northeastern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has prioritized promoting and supporting the manufacturing sector, working to expand the support, resources, and benefits these businesses receive from the county through M3 Chicago, which advances equitable and sustainable development by helping manufacturers expand, collaborate, network, innovate and hire; and

WHEREAS, Cook County recognizes that manufacturing provides quality jobs and positive economic impact and has committed nearly \$7 million in ARPA funding to help manufacturers thrive, expand, innovate as well as access and develop needed talent; and

WHEREAS, some of Cook County's manufacturing programs include Manufacturing Reinvented that reimbursed manufacturers countywide up to \$25,000 in eligible expenses toward the implementation of projects designed to improve productivity, develop future leaders, provide workforce training, and support business growth; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the Metals Hub is a Cook County collaborative created in partnership with the Southland Development Authority to help the metals, machinery, and equipment (MM&E) industry diversify, grow and innovate; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's Elk Grove Village is home to the largest industrial park in the United States with over 62,000,000 square feet of inventory, 5,600+ businesses, 22 data centers, and over 400 manufacturers who specialize in plastic, metal, food, tech, and more; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Manufacturers has designated October 3, 2025, as National Manufacturing Day and October as Manufacturing Awareness and Appreciation month; and

WHEREAS, as manufacturers seek to fill 4 million high-skill, high-tech and high-paying jobs over the next decade, MFG Month empowers manufacturers to come together to address their collective challenges and build excitement about manufacturing careers so they can help their communities and future generations thrive; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's manufacturers, educational institutions, training providers and organizations furthering manufacturing research and innovation in Cook County will host events throughout the month of October to showcase the skilled and well-paying jobs afforded by a career in manufacturing, to ensure the continued growth of the manufacturing industry; and to celebrate our regional strength, our collaboration and partnerships benefiting this critical sector.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare October 2025 Manufacturing Month in recognition of all the major contributions manufactures give to our communities every day.

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Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, 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, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Stanley D. Moore will be remembered in history as the Godfather of the census, an impressive 60 years in census leadership in the United States Department of Commerce.

WHEREAS, Stanley D. Moore is a native of Washington DC; and

WHEREAS, Stanley D. Moore began his life's work for the United States Census Bureau on July 24, 1960, as a systems computer analyst. As a young computer programmer, he was one of the first in the country to work on the historic UNIVAC Mainframe computer. He served as District Office Manager, Special Assistant to the Chief, Assistant Regional Director, Associate Director for Field Operations, Regional Director and finally National Advisor to the Director; and

WHEREAS, Stanley D. Moore was instrumental in developing the Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing system (TIGER), a technologically advanced database system that is used nationwide for mapping geographic data. TIGER has become an essential component in the compilation and tabulation of census data. It is the very tool that gave us the ability to create Global Positioning Systems also known as GPS; and

WHEREAS, Stanley D. Moore was appointed Regional Director of the Chicago Regional Office of the U.S. Census Bureau in 1974. As Regional Director, he was responsible for overseeing all census operations in Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Stanley D. Moore was instrumental, in the 1970's, in the desegregation of Chicago housing. He fought a successful four-year legal battle against racial discrimination. In recognition of this fact, he was selected as a Most Valuable Community Player by the Leadership Council of Metropolitan Open Communities; and

WHEREAS, Stanley D. Moore, along with his wife, raised their children and have lived in Beverly for 42 years. Because of his contributions to the community, the street in which he lives was renamed, "Stanley D. Moore Way"; and

WHEREAS, Stanley D. Moore has received numerous awards for his service at the Census Bureau including the U.S Department of Commerce bronze medal for superior services, The U.S Department of Commerce silver medal award for meritorious service, the U.S Department of Commerce gold medal

award for exceptional service, and the national partnership for re-inventing government Hammer Award; and

WHEREAS, Stanley D. Moore, through his talents and efforts have helped our success with the census, and together, we take pride in your accomplishments and your commitment to excellence; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to Stanley D. Moore on his 90th Birthday, and extends its gratitude on behalf of Cook County for his outstanding service over the years, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Stanley D. Moore to commemorate this joyous occasion.

[25-3724](#)

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, 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, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 23RD THROUGH 31ST AS RED RIBBON WEEK

WHEREAS, Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program, which is celebrated across the nation the week of October 23, 2025, and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 40th anniversary of Red Ribbon Week, and

WHEREAS, The National Family Partnership started Red Ribbon Week after the death of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was brutally tortured and murdered in 1985 by drug traffickers he was investigating in Mexico, and

WHEREAS, Today, millions of citizens demonstrate their commitment to drug-free lifestyles by wearing red ribbons and participating in drug prevention activities, and

WHEREAS, Alcohol and drug abuse affects individuals, families, and communities across the nation, and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that visible, unified efforts by community members be launched to prevent drug abuse, and

WHEREAS, Business, government, law enforcement, media, health care providers, religious institutions, schools, and other community-based organizations will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by participating in drug prevention activities and wearing red ribbons, and

WHEREAS, Cook County would like to encourage participation in drug prevention education activities throughout the year, and not only during Red Ribbon Week, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize October 23-31, 2025 as Red Ribbon Week in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Chicago Field Division

[25-4063](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING WOMEN & CHILDREN FIRST BOOKSTORE DURING NATIONAL WOMEN'S SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

WHEREAS, October is recognized nationally as Women's Small Business Month, honoring the vital contributions and achievements of women entrepreneurs and the important role they play in driving economic growth and community development; and

WHEREAS, Women & Children First Bookstore, located in the heart of the Andersonville neighborhood in the 10th District of Cook County, stands as one of the largest and most beloved feminist bookstores in the nation, serving as a literary, cultural, and community hub since its founding in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Women & Children First was founded by Linda Bubon and Ann Christophersen with the mission of promoting the work of women writers and creating a space where women's voices could be amplified, stories honored, and community built through books and ideas; and

WHEREAS, the bookstore has not only withstood the challenges of a rapidly changing retail landscape but has also thrived under the continued stewardship of current co-owners Lynn Mooney and Sarah Hollenbeck, who purchased the store in 2014 and have carried forward its legacy with passion and vision; and

WHEREAS, Women & Children First is more than a bookstore; it is a sanctuary and gathering space that has fostered dialogue, diversity, and inclusion by uplifting feminist, queer, and anti-racist literature, and by hosting countless author readings, community forums, book groups, and activism events that reflect and

support the values of equity and justice; and

WHEREAS, Women & Children First has played a particularly meaningful role in the LGBTQIA+ community, offering an affirming and safe space for queer individuals and families to connect, learn, and find representation in literature that reflects their lives and experiences; and

WHEREAS, the store has also contributed significantly to the cultural identity and economic vitality of Andersonville, helping to establish the neighborhood as one of the most inclusive, vibrant, and welcoming areas in all of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Women & Children First exemplifies the resilience, creativity, and community-minded spirit that defines women-owned small businesses throughout Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of the 10th District and all of Cook County, does hereby honor and celebrate Women & Children First Bookstore for its 45 years of service, advocacy, and inspiration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Women & Children First Bookstore as a token of appreciation and admiration during National Women's Small Business Month.

[25-4061](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING APNA GHAR FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN PREVENTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, October is recognized nationally as Domestic Violence Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about the prevalence of domestic violence, support survivors, and promote prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, Apna Ghar, located in Cook County's 10th District, is a vital organization dedicated to preventing domestic violence and providing culturally sensitive support and resources to survivors, particularly within the South Asian community; and

WHEREAS, Apna Ghar offers a comprehensive array of services including emergency shelter, counseling, legal advocacy, youth programs, and community education aimed at empowering survivors and breaking cycles of abuse; and

WHEREAS, through its culturally specific approach, Apna Ghar addresses the unique challenges faced by immigrant and refugee communities, ensuring survivors receive trauma-informed care that respects

their language, culture, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, Apna Ghar's outreach and prevention efforts help to increase awareness about domestic violence and promote healthy relationships within diverse communities in Cook County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Cook County supports critical domestic violence prevention programs such as the Cook County Domestic Violence Prevention Council, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Units, and the Cook County Health Department's trauma-informed services, which work collaboratively with organizations like Apna Ghar to provide coordinated support for survivors and communities; and

WHEREAS, these combined efforts strengthen Cook County's commitment to ending domestic violence through prevention, intervention, education, and survivor support; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners wishes to honor and commend Apna Ghar for their tireless dedication, impactful programs, and unwavering commitment to fostering safe and violence-free communities in the 10th District and throughout Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and honors Apna Ghar during National Domestic Violence Prevention Month for their vital work in preventing domestic violence and supporting survivors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Apna Ghar as a symbol of appreciation and support from Cook County.

[25-4104](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOHN P. DALEY, DONNA MILLER, JESSICA VÁSQUEZ and MICHAEL SCOTT JR., Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LEO HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR ON THEIR HISTORIC PERFORMANCE ON "AMERICA'S GOT TALENT"

WHEREAS, Leo Catholic High School, founded in 1926 in the Auburn Gresham neighborhood of Chicago, is a beacon of academic excellence, spiritual development, and community leadership for nearly a century, and produced generations of distinguished alumni who contributed greatly to the cultural and civic fabric of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, among Leo's most cherished traditions and most visible cultural assets is the Leo High School Choir, an ensemble under the gifted direction of Ms. LaDonna Hill. The Leo High School Choir transcended the boundaries of a school-based program to become a musical institution of renown across

Chicago, Cook County, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Leo Choir established itself as one of the school's most visible and valuable ambassadors, dazzling audiences throughout the city with their energy, versatility, and artistry. Their performances, whether in school concerts, parish celebrations, civic ceremonies, or high-profile city events, consistently embodied the values of excellence, discipline, and joy; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2023-2024 academic year, the Leo Choir exemplified this commitment with a robust calendar of appearances. Their Spring Concert on May 8, featuring collaborations with the Drum Line and beginning music classes, drew a festive and enthusiastic audience despite ongoing renovations to the Leo Auditorium. Days later, their resonant voices enhanced the grandeur of Leo's 89th Commencement at St. Margaret of Scotland, followed by spirited appearances at community programs in Ukrainian Village and Auburn Gresham. Their work not only uplifts audiences but also sustains the cultural life of neighborhoods across Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the Leo Choir's prominence grew through headline performances at venues such as Holy Name Cathedral, the Four Seasons Hotel Scholarship Benefit, and corporate and civic celebrations, as well as their tradition of inspiring Christmas concerts that fill the Leo Auditorium to capacity bringing hope and joy to countless families. Residents enjoyed the Leo Choir's music at Wrigley Field, Guaranteed Rate Field, and even before Pope Leo XIV's Mass, solidifying their reputation as cultural emissaries of Chicago's South Side; and

WHEREAS, what began as affectionate hyperbole in calling them "world renowned", through the dedication of its student vocalists and the visionary leadership of Ms. Hill, became an increasingly accurate description. Averaging more than sixty public performances annually, the Choir became one of the most in-demand youth ensembles in the region; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 the Choir's reputation reached new heights when their local performances caught the attention of national producers, ultimately earning them an invitation to audition for NBC's *America's Got Talent*. Their March performance, broadcast to millions in June 2025, captivated the show's celebrity judges, including the famously exacting Simon Cowell, who responded with uncharacteristic delight at the Choir's stirring harmonies; and

WHEREAS, building upon their national success, the Leo High School Choir advanced through the rigorous stages of the *America's Got Talent* competition, ultimately reaching the finals and achieving a distinguished 4th place finish, an accomplishment bringing immense pride to Leo Catholic High School, the South Side of Chicago, and Cook County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, this ensemble of twenty-two young men from Chicago's South Side not only earned a coveted spot in the quarterfinals of *America's Got Talent*, but also demonstrated to the nation the extraordinary cultural talent nurtured within Cook County's schools. Their artistry is not merely entertainment, it is testimony to the transformative power of music, the resilience of Leo's young men, and the leadership of mentors like Ms. LaDonna Hill and Coordinator Yolanda Sandifer Horton; and

WHEREAS, the Leo Choir's ascent from neighborhood concerts to a national stage represents a triumph of dedication, talent, and community support. In their journey, they carry the legacy of Leo Catholic High School and the hopes of their families and neighborhoods, inspiring others with the reminder that greatness can spring from humble beginnings and resonate on the world stage.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF THE 3rd DISTRICT, AND TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, do hereby honor and commend the Leo High School Choir for their outstanding achievements, their historic performance on *America's Got Talent*, and their invaluable contributions as cultural ambassadors for Chicago and Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Ms. LaDonna Hill, the Leo High School Choir, and the administration of Leo Catholic High School as a symbol of the high esteem in which they are held by the residents and leadership of Cook County. **Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd. District. Dated this _____ day of _____**

Sincerely,

[25-4096](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY DAY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, social media can be a force for the greater public good, providing a means for beneficial entertainment, education, socialization, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, social media has also demonstrably caused significant and widespread harm to the public, especially children; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General issued a warning on May 23, 2023, stating that "there are increasing concerns among researchers, parents and caregivers, young people, healthcare experts, and others about the impact of social media on youth mental health" with such concerns including anxiety, eating disorders, depression, and suicide; and

WHEREAS, social media is used to facilitate cyberbullying, privacy invasion, fraud, human trafficking, sexual harassment, sexual predation, hate, and disinformation; and

WHEREAS, additionally, social media platforms are routinely used to facilitate the sale of illegal narcotics which has resulted in multiple deaths nationwide, and

WHEREAS, other segments of society such as domestic violence survivors are also at increased risk of social media-related harms; and

WHEREAS, a University of Chicago Crime Law Report noted that teachers and school administrators report that a large share of in-school conflicts originate in social media disputes; and

WHEREAS, studies have found that hate groups, terrorist organizations both domestic and foreign, left- and right-wing extremists, and street gangs are using social media platforms to recruit new members, threaten and harass individuals, incite violence and post violent videos; and

WHEREAS, studies have further found that such groups utilize social media as a way to communicate about and organize their activities including flash mobs and organized retail thefts which are significantly and adversely impacting businesses and communities, and

WHEREAS, about 88% of social media-using teens have witnessed other people being mean or cruel on social networking sites and approximately 34% of students report experiencing cyberbullying; and

WHEREAS, nearly 21% of women ages 18 to 29 report being sexually harassed online; teens using social media more than 5 hours daily were 70% more likely to have suicidal thoughts or actions than those who reported one hour of daily use; and about 64% of U.S. teens have encountered hate speech online; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive approach on social media that promotes best practices across education, public policy, and technology increases our ability to protect families from these threats; and

WHEREAS, Cook County should continue to undertake efforts to mitigate and prevent current and emerging social media-related threats, provide guidance to those at risk, and bring awareness to the benefits and challenges of social media; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Cook County Board of Commissioners established Social Media Safety Day in Cook County on the 2nd Thursday of November each year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize November 13, 2025 as Social Media Safety Day in Cook County; and

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

[25-4097](#)

Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF KENT DOUGLAS WONG

WHEREAS, Kent Douglas Wong was born in Los Angeles, California, the son of Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Delbert Wong, the first Chinese American judge in the United States, and Dolores Wong, a psychiatric social worker and community leader who helped establish the Chinatown Public Library; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wong grew up in the Silver Lake neighborhood of Los Angeles, graduated from Marshall High School, and went on to attend the University of California, Berkeley, and the People's College of Law, where his passion for social justice and advocacy for workers' rights began to take shape; and

WHEREAS, while attending the University of California, Berkeley, Mr. Wong met his future wife, Jai Lee, who shared his love for politics, travel, and community building. They married and together raised two sons, Ryan (engaged to Larissa Pham) and Robin; and

WHEREAS, early in his professional career, Mr. Wong served as a staff attorney for the Service Employees International Union, where he advocated for the fair treatment of workers and equitable labor practices; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wong was the founding president of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, the founding president of the United Association for Labor Education, and a vice president of the California Federation of Teachers, through which he built coalitions to advance labor rights and education across communities; and

WHEREAS, as Director of the UCLA Labor Center for more than 30 years, Mr. Wong transformed the Center into a national and international leader in labor research, education, and advocacy, fostering a generation of organizers, educators, and policymakers dedicated to equity and justice; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the University of California established labor centers at all nine campuses, expanding labor education throughout the state. Mr. Wong also led efforts to create similar centers at three universities in Mexico and forged relationships with labor education programs in China, Vietnam, and the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wong oversaw the expansion and renovation of the UCLA Labor Center's new headquarters near MacArthur Park, named in honor of his mentor, the Rev. James Lawson Jr., a leader of the nonviolent civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, as an educator, Mr. Wong taught in UCLA's Asian American Studies and Labor Studies programs, where he mentored generations of students and activists. He was a leading advocate for undocumented students' rights on campus and nationally, and his mentorship helped empower the DREAMer movement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wong served on the Board of the New World Foundation and as a member of the Kellogg Foundation Solidarity Council on Racial Equity, continuing his lifelong commitment to community, justice, and solidarity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wong was the author and co-author of several books, including *Dreams Deported: Immigrant Youth and Families Resist Deportation* and *Nonviolence and Social Movements: The Teachings of Rev. James Lawson Jr.*. His final major public appearance was at the Los Angeles Convention Center, where he led a workshop for more than 1,400 attendees on nonviolent resistance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wong often reflected on his family's legacy as fifth-generation Chinese Americans, recognizing the deep connection between his family's history and the ongoing struggles of immigrants in America. "My great-great-grandfather came to California during the Gold Rush," he once said. "But even after 170 years, people still question whether I belong. That's the legacy of white supremacy, even though immigrants built modern-day America."; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wong inspired a generation of labor organizers and Asian American activists and leaders including his niece, Cook County Commissioner Josina Wing Morita; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wong is survived by his wife, Jai Lee; his sons, Ryan and Robin; his sister, Shelley Wong Pitts; and his brother, Marshall Wong. He was preceded in death by his brother, Duane "Pudgy" Wong; and

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 extraordinary life and legacy of Kent Douglas Wong, whose decades of leadership in labor, education, and social justice uplifted communities locally, nationally, and internationally; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Kent Douglas Wong as a symbol of our deepest respect, gratitude, and admiration.

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Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS HINDU HERITAGE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Hinduism is the third largest religion in the world, with one billion devotees worldwide, four million in the United States, and over 50,000 across Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the practice of Hinduism seeks to promote unity among all communities and educate society on issues affecting the Hindu American community; and

WHEREAS, Hindu Americans represent one of the world's oldest civilizations, as well as one of the fastest growing communities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, guided through their beliefs in promoting knowledge, education, debate, and discourse, Hindu Americans have made significant contributions to our community in science, medicine, business, politics, and industry; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October, the culture, history, traditions, achievements, and contributions of Hindu Americans are recognized and celebrated throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Adbhut 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, Gurmeet Singh Dhalwan, Vandana Jhingan, Amitabh Mittal, Nirav Patel, Anurag Awasthi, Vipin Wadhera, Acharya RamNaresh Vajpayee, Hemant Patel, Raj Patel, Shailesh Rajput, Siddhesh Shevade, Reena Shukla, Ruchi Saxena also serve as beacons in their community; and

WHEREAS, Cook County embraces the diversity represented in our communities and remains dedicated to celebrating the richness of our Hindu American communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare October 2025 Hindu Heritage Month in Cook County.

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Sponsored by: MICHAEL SCOTT JR., Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING K + P ADVISORY, LLC DURING WOMEN'S SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

WHEREAS, October is recognized nationally as Women's Small Business Month, celebrating the vital contributions of woman-owned enterprises to our economy and communities; and

WHEREAS, K + P Advisory, LLC is a distinguished woman-owned consulting firm headquartered in Cook County's Second District and led by Ayse Kalaycioglu, a seasoned professional with decades of experience in owner's representation, project management, and strategic advisory services; and

WHEREAS, K + P Advisory has emerged as a trusted partner to governments, nonprofits, and private sector clients across the state, providing tailored strategies that bridge the gap between policy, people, and progress; and

WHEREAS, K + P Advisory is proud to be certified as a Women Business Enterprise (WBE) and is deeply committed to advancing equity through inclusive strategic planning and tangible community impact; and

WHEREAS, K + P Advisory leads high-impact projects at the intersection of infrastructure, health, and economic development for key institutions-including work with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Chicago Park District, IFF, and Erie Family Health Centers; and

WHEREAS, in a testament to its credibility and commitment to civic excellence, K + P Advisory was selected as the Owner's Representative for the 2024 Democratic National Convention Host Committee, the first such convention hosted in Chicago in nearly three decades; and

WHEREAS, the team at K + P Advisory draws on deep expertise in public policy, infrastructure, real estate strategy, and organizational change management to create solutions that are both innovative and implementable; and

WHEREAS, K + P Advisory has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to mentorship and creating pathways for advancement by elevating underrepresented voices and empowering women and diverse professionals within the consulting industry and beyond; and

WHEREAS, during Women's Small Business Month, it is fitting to recognize the contributions of woman-owned enterprises like K + P Advisory that exemplify leadership, resilience, and service to our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby commend and honor K + P Advisory, LLC for its outstanding professional achievements, profound community impact, and exemplary leadership as a woman-owned small business; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to K + P Advisory, LLC as a token of the Board's recognition and appreciation.