

Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Thursday, March 13, 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
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MAGGIE TREVOR

**MONICA GORDON
COUNTY CLERK**

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 Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a virtual public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, email address, phone number, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized virtual public speakers shall be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at: <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> or in a viewing area at 69 W. Washington Street, 22nd Floor Conference Room D, Chicago, IL. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

1. Dr. Walter Perez, Cook County Health
2. Anthony Simpkins, Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago
3. Bona Heinson, Cook County Farm Bureau
4. Linda Smarto, National Association for Down Syndrome
5. Julia Smarto, National Association for Down Syndrome

6. Garrett Anderson, United Parent Support for Down Syndrome
7. Latonya Smith Children's Habilitation Center

**25-1601
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE BILL LOWRY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, DONNA MILLER,
STANLEY S. MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOTHER MARY M. HOLCOMB

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners pauses to celebrate the remarkable life and enduring legacy of Mother Mary Magdalene Holcomb, a woman of faith, strength, and unwavering devotion, who departed this life peacefully on Sunday, February 16, 2025, at 5:05 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, Mother Holcomb was born on October 10, 1926, in D'Lo, Mississippi, to Willie and Linnie Barnes, and was raised in a time of immense societal and economic challenges, which shaped her into a woman of resilience and grace; and

WHEREAS, she witnessed the tireless labor of her parents, who worked grueling hours as field hands picking cotton in the 1930s. Tragedy struck her family when, at the tender age of thirteen (13), she suffered the loss of her father to heat stroke. The death of her father was a defining moment in Mary's life, which strengthened her resolve and deepened her faith; and

WHEREAS, her beloved mother, Ma Linnie, later remarried James Burrows, expanding their family with four siblings, Estus Barnes, Gertrude Stenhouse, Lonnie Barnes, and Gertis Anderson, all of whom preceded her in death; and

WHEREAS, at the age of thirteen (13), Mary Magdalene Holcomb professed her faith and was baptized, beginning a lifelong commitment to serving the Lord. Upon relocating to Chicago, Illinois, she became a devoted and steadfast member of Union Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Little, where her faith remained unshaken. Her favorite scripture, Psalm 27, served as a source of strength and guidance throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, in a beautiful union of love and commitment, Mary Magdalene Holcomb married Herbert Holcomb in 1940 while he was on military leave from the United States Army. Mary resided in Oak Grove,

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Louisiana, during his military service in World War II, and upon his return, they moved to Chicago to be near their cherished family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mother Holcomb dedicated herself wholeheartedly to her family as a full-time mother and homemaker, ensuring a foundation of love, faith, and discipline for her children. Following the passing of her beloved husband, she entered the workforce, demonstrating resilience as she took on various jobs, including serving as a nurse's aide, before retiring in 1990 from Oak Park Oasis Skilled Nursing Facility; and

WHEREAS, Mother Mary Holcomb was the matriarch of a large and loving family who affectionately called her "Big Ma". Mary was blessed with eight children: Eloise Betty Jefferson, Herbert Holcomb Jr., William Holcomb, Sherry Smith, Mary Holcomb, Billy Holcomb, Bessie Holcomb, and Patricia Huggins. She was the proud grandmother of 23 grandchildren, including Secretary to the Cook County Board of Commissioners, Lynne Holcomb Turner; great-grandmother of 50 great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandmother of 23 great-great-grandchildren. Mary's home was the heart of family gatherings, where she nurtured traditions, fostered unity, and provided an abundance of love; and

WHEREAS, Mother Holcomb was a beloved and proud resident of the Austin community for 54 years, where she built lifelong friendships and served as a beacon of wisdom and faith. In March 2023, she embraced the next phase of her life with grace, moving to Warren Barr Senior Residence in Orland Park, where she continued to exude joy and appreciation for the simple pleasures of life-cherishing family time, car rides, desserts, dining out, and the privilege of worshiping whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, Mother Holcomb found profound joy in her faith and took great pride in attending services at New Spiritual Light Missionary Baptist Church with her family whenever her health permitted. Mary lived each day on her own terms, embodying grace, wisdom, and unwavering devotion until the Lord called her home in a peaceful transition; and

WHEREAS, Mother Holcomb's departure leaves an irreplaceable void in the hearts of her loved ones. She leaves to cherish her memory her devoted daughter, Patricia Huggins (Bernard), 23 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, 23 great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, a host of relatives, friends, and her beloved church family at Union Missionary Baptist Church, whom she deeply adored.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, extend their deepest condolences to the family of Mother Mary M. Holcomb, honoring her life of service, faith, and love that has left an indelible impact on all who knew her; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a formal copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Mother Mary M. Holcomb, as a tribute to her enduring legacy and the profound influence she had on her community, family, and church.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

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Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1693
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL,
STANLEY S. MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA,
MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

COMMEMORATING WORLD DOULA DAY AND DOULA WEEK IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, March 22, 2025, marks the globally recognized World Doula Day, coinciding with the commencement of Doula Week; and

WHEREAS, the observance of World Doula Day and Doula Week serves as a poignant reminder of the invaluable contributions made by doulas worldwide, recognizing their unwavering dedication to supporting women, newborns, and families during the profound journey of childbirth and the postpartum period; and

WHEREAS, doulas play an instrumental role in fostering the physiological, social, emotional, and psychological well-being of individuals and families, offering guidance, advocacy, and compassionate care throughout the birthing process and beyond; and

WHEREAS, in Cook County we underscore the significance of acknowledging and celebrating the tireless efforts of doulas, emphasizing the importance of empowering these essential caregivers who enhance the childbirth experience and promote holistic health outcomes for mothers, infants, and families; and

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WHEREAS, Doula Week provides a platform to raise awareness, honor the legacy, and highlight the pivotal role of doulas in advocating for informed decision-making, maternal autonomy, and inclusive support systems within diverse communities worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Health recently launched their 1st Doula Program, which will encompass a 3-year, \$3 million effort to support the physical and emotional of mother before, during, and after pregnancy and improve maternal health outcomes in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Doula services not only are shown to improve maternal health outcomes, but are a way of reducing costs associated with maternal mortality and morbidity due to less dependence on pain medication; shorter duration of labor-less time in the hospital; fewer operative deliveries, such as C-section episiotomy (a cut on the vagina to facilitate birth); higher APGAR (newborn) scores; decreased infant mortality; and decreased maternal mortality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners in conjunction with World Doula Day and World Doula Week hereby recognizes and commemorates March 22, 2025, as Doula Day and March 22nd - March 28th as Doula Week in Cook County and extends heartfelt appreciation to all doulas in Cook County and across the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body encourages individuals, organizations, and communities to actively participate in commemorating World Doula Day and Doula Week, acknowledging the profound impact of doulas in nurturing positive birth experiences, fostering maternal-infant bonding, and promoting the well-being of families across the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body as a testament to our collective commitment to honoring and uplifting the vital contributions of doulas in creating a more compassionate and equitable society.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1694
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL,
STANLEY S. MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA,
MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF CHICAGO ON THE OCCASION
OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners wish to honor extraordinary events and those who celebrate them; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago has worked tirelessly for 50 years to ensure that organizations and residents work together to enhance lives; and

WHEREAS, since 1975, NHS has recognized the impact of race, income and social status on a person's housing security, and know homeownership has a foundational role to play in community development and closing the racial wealth gap; and

WHEREAS, NHS teams work to stabilize and revitalize low and moderate-income communities throughout the greater Chicagoland area and suburbs to correct the inequities and end the exploitative practices that create housing insecurity; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago has consistently highlighted the work of community leaders and organizations, empowering people to act so they can achieve their goals of establishing safer, more secure housing and healthier, thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago has dedicated over 50 years to fostering neighborhood success, empowerment, pride, and unity, working in collaboration with nearly 250 organizations in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago has significantly contributed to advancing homeownership, financial literacy, and community investment in Chicago, ensuring that residents have access to stable and affordable housing opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby proclaims March 15th, 2025, to be

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Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago Day and urge all citizens to participate in the activities planned by Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago in honor of this historic milestone; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, we honor and congratulate Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago on its 50th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1690
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by
THE HONORABLE TARA S. STAMPS, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

ACKNOWLEDGING WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

WHEREAS, Down syndrome is a genetic and physical disorder caused by an extra 21st chromosome in the human body, and

WHEREAS, Down syndrome is the most frequently occurring chromosomal condition, and

WHEREAS, there is an estimated six million people with Down syndrome worldwide and more than 200,000 in the United States, and

WHEREAS, in the United States, Down syndrome is prevalent in one (1) in every 700 live births, and

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WHEREAS, World Down Syndrome Day is March 21st every year. The 21st day of the 3rd month represents the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome, and

WHEREAS, World Down Syndrome Day has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012, and

WHEREAS, the goal is to bring awareness and support for those with Down syndrome, and

WHEREAS, the theme for World Down Syndrome Day is “Improve Our Support Systems,” and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the theme, all levels of government are called to offer support and inclusion for people with Down syndrome and to offer support to their families and caregivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby acknowledge March 21st as World Down Syndrome Day and the theme of support and inclusion, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be archived as a token of the esteem held by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Board of Commissioners and be deferred to the Health and Hospitals Committee for further discussion and a public hearing.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1711
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE TARA S. STAMPS, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SIGMA GAMMA RHO
SORORITY CENTRAL REGION**

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Central Region was established in 1925 by seven Black women educators at Butler University in Indiana; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Central Region has focused on uplifting the community through sisterhood, leadership, and service, through programs designed to address maternal and infant outcomes for Black women and helping young women grow into well-rounded students and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Central Region currently has 43 Graduate Chapters and 56 Undergraduate Chapters across Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. In addition to, the Canadian Divisions of Windsor, Ontario, and west to Saskatchewan as well as Baffin Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Queen Elizabeth Islands and Germany; and

WHEREAS, notable Chicago alumnae of the sorority include Congresswoman Robin Kelly, State Representative Debbie Meyers Martin, Treasurer Melissa Conyers-Ervin, Chicago Police Department Commander Davina Ward, and Chicago Deputy Chief of Police Senora Ben, among others; and

WHEREAS, other Sigma Gamma Rho Alumnae include Hattie McDaniel, the first African American to win an Oscar, Mary T. Washington Wylie, the first Black woman CPA and Dr. Annie Lawrence Brown, the first Black president of the Illinois Nurses Association; and

WHEREAS, with “Greater Service, Greater Progress” as its motto, the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Central Region has been a beacon of light for all women for the past 100 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby recognize the 100th anniversary of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Central Region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be archived as a token of the esteem held by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Central Region on the occasion of its Centennial Celebration; express to it our heartfelt gratitude for its exemplary service to women across the world.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

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TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

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Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1746
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT AND BRIDGET GAINER,
COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY OF CORK

WHEREAS, in 1995, Cook County launched the International Trade Partnership Program to promote trade and investment between Cook County and strategic partner regions around the world in order to foster bilateral trade and provide linkages between businesses locally and overseas; and

WHEREAS, in March 1998, a delegation from County Cork, Ireland made their first visit to Cook County, Illinois to participate in a series of government business and cultural events; and

WHEREAS, in July 1999, a delegation of government and business leaders from Cook County Illinois travelled to Cork County, Ireland for an economic, educational and cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, in July, 1999, at a Cork County Council meeting, the Cook County, Illinois - County Cork, Ireland Sister-County Partnership Agreement was signed; and

WHEREAS, in October 2000, the Cook County Partners with Ireland Committee was established to facilitate the International Trade Partnership Program with regions in Ireland; and

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WHEREAS, Cook County and County Cork have worked together over the past 26 years to develop and strengthen relations between companies, educational institutions, organizations and individual entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, government officials representing Cook County, Illinois and Cork County, Ireland along with business leaders from both regions have since been working to promote bilateral trade in the areas of biotechnology information technology small business enterprises and tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Sister-County Partnership has been responsible for numerous successful ventures over the past 26 years; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a PhD level student exchange program between the Illinois Institute of Technology IIT (now known as Illinois TECH) and the Cork Institute of Technology (now known as Munster Technological University); and

WHEREAS, a cooperative agreement between leading technology associations in both regions to provide pro bono office space to entrepreneurs seeking to establish a presence in Cook County or County Cork; and

WHEREAS, the sponsorship of a cultural training program in Ireland for residents of Cook County's Mercy Home for Boys & Girls in which the sixth group of Cook County young people will travel to Cork this summer to learn and grow through outdoor activities, life-skills training and team-building exercises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of more than 5 million residents of Cook County, recognize this long standing partnership and do hereby welcome the Mayor of the County of Cork Ireland, Councillor Joe Carroll, and the Cork County delegation to Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Councilor Joe Carroll, Mayor of the County of Cork and the Cork County Council in recognition of our continued partnership.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

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Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1828
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE FRANK J. AGUILAR, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING THE LIFE OF THOMAS LOVERO

WHEREAS, Thomas Lovero was a loving husband, father, and son who always strived to make the lives of those around him better; and

WHEREAS, Thomas was born on April 20th, 1984 to Robert Lovero and Barbara Cernak; and

WHEREAS, Thomas was a loving husband to his wife Ashley and a devoted father to his sons Robert and Matthew; and

WHEREAS, Thomas always was the first to help, no matter if it was his friends, family, or neighbors. He truly enjoyed being there for his people; and

WHEREAS, Thomas loved a sunset cruise on the boat and enjoying a cold beer at the end of the day. He loved country music and a good Bruce Willis movie - and he definitely believed that Die Hard was a Christmas movie; and

WHEREAS, Thomas gave the best hugs, and loved a good nap, which family members and friends often caught him enjoying; and

WHEREAS, Thomas was very artistic. Those who knew him would find his drawings all over his papers, from work notes to grocery lists. Thomas enjoyed cooking with his family; he would turn on music, pour a drink, and have a great time feeding the people he loved; and

WHEREAS, Thomas loved board games, challenging family and friends, and taking pride in his boys learning chess at an early age; and

WHEREAS, Thomas was an old soul at heart. He liked to fish, bragging about catching the biggest one, was an avid golfer, and beat most people at whatever sport was being played; and

WHEREAS, Thomas was so proud of his two sons and passed both his passion for sports and fishing onto his children; and

WHEREAS, Thomas made friends everywhere he went and was a guardian to all. His friends from childhood turned into siblings as they embraced life, never strayed from each other, and lived life to the fullest together; and

WHEREAS, an involved father whose sons are the kindest souls because of how he and Ashley raised them, Thomas was a husband who brought home laughter, a brother who taught his sisters the way and always checked in like a big brother does, and a son who brought his parents love.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Thomas Lovero filled the lives of everyone he knew with love and joy and was a devoted husband, father, brother, and son; 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 honor the life and legacy of Thomas Lovero in March of 2025.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1829
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE FRANK J. AGUILAR, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING THE LIFE OF KENNETH K. GETTY OF LYONS, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, Kenneth K. Getty was a pillar of the Lyons community. Ken was a devoted husband, father, and friend whose life was marked by achievement and service; and

WHEREAS, Ken Getty was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 4th, 1941 and moved to Lyons in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Ken is survived by his cherished wife, Anna of 44 years; his children Kenneth T., Christopher, and Katie; his four grandchildren; and his sister, Elizabeth Nelson; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Ken Getty became the 25th mayor of the Village of Lyons, IL; and

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WHEREAS, Ken Getty poured his life and soul into making the lives of Lyons residents better, and was always available to offer his support; and

WHEREAS, Ken Getty also had an accomplished private life, founding Getty Insurance Agency in 1972, which is still a thriving business to this day; and

WHEREAS, Ken, known for his generous spirit, sense of humor, and larger-than-life personality, touched countless lives with his compassion and leadership. All who had the privilege of knowing him will cherish his memory and feel his absence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the life of Ken Getty made a tremendous impact on those around him, from his family and friends to the entire Lyons community; 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 honor the life and legacy of Kenneth K. Getty in March of 2025.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1827
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER,
DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, DONNA MILLER, JOSINA MORITA, TARA S. STAMPS AND
MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING MARCH AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is celebrated yearly from March 1 to March 31; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month is dedicated to reflecting the contributions of women to the United States (U.S) history; and

WHEREAS, Women's History Month has its origin as Women's History Week, which was organized by the school district of Sonoma, California, in 1978; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8th as National Women's History Week, and the following year the U.S Congress passed it; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, the National Women's History Project (NWHF), now known as the National Women's History Alliance (NWA), a not-for-profit organization founded to promote multicultural women's history awareness, successfully petitioned to have Congress expand the recognition to the entire month of March; and

WHEREAS, since then, other countries have joined the U.S in honoring women and their contributions to history and, culture; and

WHEREAS, for many years, women have faced different types of oppression; it wasn't until the 19th Amendment was passed that women were granted the right to vote; in the 1900s, all states followed the New York Married Women's Property Act (1848) which allowed women to gain property rights; even then, women were not allowed to apply for a credit card until the Equal Credit Opportunity Act was passed in 1974; and

WHEREAS, women have made countless contributions to the civil rights movement, human rights advancements, and many other developments in our nation. Women also played a crucial role in inventions such as feeding tubes, dishwashers, central heating, electric refrigerators, call waiting & caller ID, windshield wipers, home security systems, and many more; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics, educational attainment of women ages 25 to 64 in the labor force has risen substantially over the past half-century; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, 47.6 percent of women ages 25 to 64 held a bachelor's degree and higher, compared with 11.2 percent in 1970; and

WHEREAS, in May 2024, 57.6% of women participated in the labor force; and

WHEREAS, women's rights continue to face attacks, further deepening inequalities; and

WHEREAS, Black, Latina, and LGBTQ women of color have experienced greater discrimination and disparities throughout our history; women of color still see greater wage and economic gaps, health disparities, maternal morbidity & mortality rates, and access to education opportunities compared to white women; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations". This theme celebrates the collective strength and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Cook County honors all women who have shaped our history, set records, changed the face of politics, and established a firm place for women in society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes March as Women's History Month and applauds the work of all women in this great County.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1838
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING THE OMEGA DELTA YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE (ODYBL)
ON THEIR 20th ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the Omega Delta Youth Baseball and Softball League (ODYBL) is celebrating its 20th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the ODYBL is located at the Hoyne Park playground at 3417 S. Hamilton in the McKinley Park community on the southwest side of the city of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the ODYBL was established by five members of the Omega Delta National Fraternity and one dedicated neighborhood parent; and

WHEREAS, before the ODYBL, Hoyne Park was home to the Ralph E. Bermele Little League for over sixty years; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, it was in the Ralph E. Bermele Little League that the founding members of the ODYBL began their coaching careers until the league sadly disbanded in 2003; and

WHEREAS, after two years of tournament play, the coaches felt it was time to expand their program and revive a league at Hoyne Park; and

WHEREAS, following months of recruiting, planning, and fundraising, along with the support of parents, players, volunteers, and sponsors, the ODYBL was formalized; and

WHEREAS, the ODYBL serves Chicago's McKinley Park and surrounding communities with seasonal baseball and softball team play, clinics, tournaments, and events for young players ages 3 to 16; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, the ODYBL has grown from 2 teams to 25, with over 300 registered young players each year; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the ODYBL introduced a new softball division for girls ages 10-13; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, it expanded to include young girls ages 14-16, and in 2013, ages 8-10 and 16-18; and

WHEREAS, the ODYBL is committed to continuous growth and empowerment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor the 20th Anniversary of the Omega Delta Youth Baseball and Softball League (ODYBL); and

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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 Omega Delta Youth Baseball and Softball League (ODYBL) on their 20th Anniversary.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1791
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, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA,
MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING THE LIFE OF OFFICER ROBERT FRYC

WHEREAS, Officer Robert J. Fryc was taken from our midst the morning of February 16, 2025, while on the way to serve the Glenview community; and

WHEREAS, Robert Fryc was the cherished son of Joseph and Joanna Fryc, born in Chicago in August of 1981; and

WHEREAS, Robert Fryc was a cherished member of his extended family, affectionately called “Uncle RaRa” by his goddaughter, Madelyn; and

WHEREAS, Robert Fryc married his beloved wife, Lauren, in September of 2015; and

WHEREAS, outside of his commitment to the Glenview Police Department, Robert Fryc was an avid Premier League fan, often rising early to watch games; and

WHEREAS, above all, Robert Fryc loved to spent time with family, whether it was vacationing in Michigan, or visiting with his parents at their home before work; and

WHEREAS, Robert Fryc trained as a community service office in Niles in 2006 where he was known for his funny and outgoing nature; and

WHEREAS, Robert Fryc dutifully served the Glenview community for nearly 18 years beginning in 2007; and

WHEREAS, his fellow officers described Robert Fryc has supportive, dependable, knowledgeable, and understanding; and

WHEREAS, during his time with the Glenview Police Department, Robert Fryc was seen as a caring leader, a quality made all the more evident when he helped save the life of a fellow officer who was in the midst of a brain aneurysm while on the job; and

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WHEREAS, early in his career, Robert Fryc was awarded a Departmental Performance Citation in 2008 for his role in the apprehension of two subjects who were ultimately charged with a series of residential burglaries; and

WHEREAS, Robert Fryc was the recipient of a Certificate of Appreciation from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists, in recognition of his commendable DUI enforcement efforts in 2010, 2016, 2017, and 2019; and

WHEREAS, Glenview Police Chief William Fitzpatrick stated, "Officer Fryc was more than just a colleague. He was a part of our family and a part of our community. Our hearts are broken by his passing;" and

WHEREAS, as Robert Fryc was laid to rest, officers from Niles, Wilmette, Morton Grove, Northbrook, and Cook County Sheriff's Police stepped up to patrol Glenview so Glenview officers could attend the services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor the life and legacy of Officer Robert Fryc, and offer our sincere condolences to his family as they mourn his passing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be tendered to his loved ones as a means of communicating our deepest appreciation and sympathies.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1792
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, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA,
MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RECOGNIZING MARCH 18, 2025, AS NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY

WHEREAS, Illinois is home to more than 72,000 farms, 94 percent of which are family-owned; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture includes the growing, raising, and harvesting of crops as well as the raising of livestock for both human and animal consumption; and

WHEREAS, Cook County agriculture and related industries support over 110,000 jobs and generate over \$15.4 billion in value-added; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to nearly 11,000 acres of farmland according to the 2022 Census of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Cook County agriculture landscape includes vegetable, floriculture, honey production, grain, nursery, and row crop production; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's agricultural livestock includes horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is ranked first in the state for equine production with a sales volume of over \$2.2 million; and

WHEREAS, Cook County also leads the state in honey sales; and

WHEREAS, Cook County ranks twelfth in the state for nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod production; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to numerous examples of urban agriculture including the raising, cultivation, processing, marketing, and distribution of food in urban and suburban settings; and

WHEREAS, Urban agriculture generally involves outdoor and indoor vertical production, indoor warehouse farms, greenhouses, rooftop farms, hydroponic and aquaponic facilities; and

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WHEREAS, 97 Cook County farms are certified organic by the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, many Cook County farmers sell directly to consumers at farmstands, roadside markets, farmers markets, and through community support agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Cook and Illinois farmers grow healthy and nutritious food; and

WHEREAS, Farmland is a finite resource that is vital to agriculture, food production, and the economic well-being of Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize March 18, 2025 as National Agriculture Day in celebration of the contributions of Cook County's urban, suburban, and exurban farmers in cultivating health and wellness among all residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the Cook County Farm Bureau®.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1793
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE SCOTT R. BRITTON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE SKOKIE VALLEY
CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Daughters of the American Revolution organization was found in 1890 with the mission of promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, in the present-day, Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, nonpolitical, volunteer women's service organization comprised of 190,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the world; and

WHEREAS, Daughters of the American Revolution participate in a wide variety of historic preservation projects to preserve history for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Daughters of the American Revolution are passionate about educating America's youth and support a variety of different programs, scholarships, contests, and awards; and

WEHEREAS, Daughters of the American Revolution work to enhance patriotic appreciation through volunteerism and education; and

WHEREAS, the Skokie Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1925, just 35 years after the National Society was established; and

WHEREAS, the home of Fannie Ames Cope in Kenilworth served as a gathering location for thirteen North Shore women as the Skokie Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was born; and

WHEREAS, in 1933, the Skokie Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution played in integral role in supporting Skokie Valley Civilian Conservation Corps Camp as they worked to build the Skokie Lagoons State Park by collecting books, playing cards, and games for the Conservation Corps members; and

WHEREAS, Skokie Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution has supported projects from the National Society, including the Bell Tower at Valley Forge, the Independence Hall Restoration for the Bicentennial, the Statue of Liberty Restoration for her 100th birthday, the Ellis Island Restoration, the restoration of the American flag at the Smithsonian Institution, the building of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. (2004), the President General's Lay Light Restoration Project at Constitution Hall (2012), and the President General's Project to repair Constitution Hall and Memorial Continental Hall at National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution headquarters in Washington, D.C..

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby honor the Skokie Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and expresses its sincere gratitude for the contributions the organization and members in the preservation of Revolutionary history in Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the Skokie Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1789
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING MILLIE BURGOS FOR HER DEDICATION TO
COMMUNITY AND ADVOCACY**

WHEREAS, Millie Burgos, a resident of the 10th District of Cook County, has demonstrated extraordinary resilience and unwavering commitment to her community in the face of profound personal tragedy; and

WHEREAS, following the devastating loss of her 18-year-old daughter, Alexandria Imani Burgos, to gun violence, Millie Burgos transformed her grief into action, becoming a tireless advocate for gun violence prevention and support for grieving parents; and

WHEREAS, Millie Burgos has dedicated over 25 years to serving students and parents through Chicago Public Schools, demonstrating a lifelong commitment to education and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, for the past three years, Millie Burgos has served as an Outreach Facilitator at Rincon Family Services, empowering formerly incarcerated individuals with second chances and providing youth with valuable career training opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Millie Burgos has established the annual Alexandria Imani Burgos Community Tribute and Scholarship at Wilbur Wright College, honoring her daughter's memory and supporting aspiring social workers; and

WHEREAS, Millie Burgos actively volunteers and collaborates with numerous organizations, including Chicago's Citizens for Change, ILGVP (One Aim), People for Safer Society, Mothers for Peace and Justice, Everytown Survivor, Moms Demand Action, Mothers for Justice and Equality, and the Imani Dream Angel Foundation, advocating for gun violence prevention and mental health awareness; and

WHEREAS, Millie Burgos travels to Washington D.C. and Springfield to amplify her advocacy efforts and effect meaningful change; and

WHEREAS, Millie Burgos's unwavering dedication and tireless efforts have made a significant and positive impact on the lives of countless individuals and families in Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, under the leadership of Commissioner Bridget Gainer, hereby commends Millie Burgos for her extraordinary dedication to community service, her unwavering advocacy for gun violence prevention, and her profound commitment to supporting grieving families; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere gratitude to Millie Burgos for her invaluable contributions to the well-being of the residents of Cook County and recognizes her as a true warrior and inspiration to all.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1816
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARY CAROL VANECKO

WHEREAS, The Cook County Board of Commissioners, with profound reverence and deep admiration, celebrates the extraordinary life of Mary Carol Vanecko, a cherished matriarch, devoted community servant, and a beacon of joy whose luminous spirit graced all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, Mary Carol Vanecko, a proud daughter of Chicago, was called home to God on February 28, 2025, at the age of 86, leaving behind an indelible legacy of love, laughter, and boundless generosity; and

WHEREAS, Mary was the beloved wife of the late Robert M. Vanecko, M.D., with whom she shared 59 years of unwavering devotion, a love story marked by steadfast companionship, profound respect, and a deep commitment to family; and

WHEREAS, Mary was a devoted and adoring mother to Robert G. (Jamie) Vanecko, Mark G. (Kimberly) Vanecko, R.J. Vanecko, and Mary Clare (Oscar) Hickman; each a testament to her nurturing spirit, guiding wisdom, and unbreakable love; and

WHEREAS, Mary took immeasurable pride in her role as Grandma MC, showering her grandchildren; Bobby, Mary Kate, Danny, Meg, Ellie, Luke, Henry, Mary Alana, and Eleanor with an abundance of affection, laughter, and the warmest embraces; and

WHEREAS, Mary was deeply rooted in the legacy of public service, the daughter of the esteemed Richard J. Daley and Eleanor (Guilfoyle) Daley, and a cherished sister to Richard M. Daley, Michael (Nancy) Daley, John P. (Mary Lou) Daley, and William M. (Bernie) Daley. She honored her family's storied contributions to the City of Chicago with pride, humility, and an unwavering commitment to community; and

WHEREAS, Mary pursued her education with distinction, graduating from Nativity of Our Lord Grammar School, St. Xavier High School, and St. Mary's College, before devoting herself to the noble calling of teaching, shaping young minds with patience and grace in the Wilmette public schools; and

WHEREAS, Mary Carol was a woman of radiant warmth, ceaseless energy, and a zest for life that was nothing short of infectious. She found joy in the simple pleasures such as; golf, tennis, Grand Beach summers, shopping, parties, and the sacred tradition of Sunday dinners weaving together a tapestry of cherished moments for all who loved her; and

WHEREAS, Mary's legendary pancakes, witty emojis, and rapid-fire telephone calls became the stuff of family lore, her presence a source of boundless delight, and her love an everlasting gift; and

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WHEREAS, A faithful parishioner of Queen of All Saints and a pillar of charitable service, Mary dedicated herself to her faith and community, serving as the longest-standing member of the Misericordia Women's Board, embodying selflessness, kindness, and an unyielding commitment to those in need; and

WHEREAS, though Mary departed from this earthly life, her spirit endures in the hearts of those she loved, in the countless lives she touched, and in the echoes of her joyous laughter forever resounding in the halls of cherished memory.

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, does hereby honor the remarkable life and enduring legacy of Mary Carol Vanecko, extending heartfelt condolences to her beloved family and all who mourn her passing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Mary Carol Vanecko as a token of our deepest esteem, admiration, and gratitude of the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1818
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**HONORING THE LIFE, LEGACY, AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF FORMER COOK COUNTY
COMMISSIONER JERRY "ICE MAN" BUTLER**

WHEREAS, Jerry Butler was born on December 8, 1939, in Sunflower, Mississippi. At the age of three, his family relocated to Chicago, Illinois, where he and his family lived in the Cabrini-Green housing complex. Growing up in an environment marked by economic hardship and racial segregation, Commissioner Butler found solace and inspiration in music and the church, where he first honed his vocal talents; and

WHEREAS, as a teenager, Commissioner Butler became a member of the Northern Jubilee Gospel Singers, where he sang alongside his close friend Curtis Mayfield. Influenced by legendary gospel artists such as Sam Cooke and the Soul Stirrers, the Five Blind Boys of Mississippi, and the Pilgrim Travelers, Commissioner Butler and Mayfield later formed the Roosters, which evolved into The Impressions. This group would go on to redefine the sound of soul music and inspire generations of artists; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, Jerry Butler, as the original lead singer of The Impressions, co-wrote and recorded the seminal hit *For Your Precious Love* alongside Arthur and Richard Brooks. This song, which became the first gold record for the group, was later recognized by *Rolling Stone* magazine as one of the *500 Greatest Songs of All Time*. After leaving The Impressions in 1960 to embark on a solo career, Butler released a string of Billboard hits, including *He Will Break Your Heart*, *Only the Strong Survive*, *Let It Be Me*, *Moody Woman*, *Hey Western Union Man*, and *Never Give You Up*, securing his place as a leading figure in rhythm and blues music; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Butler's extraordinary contributions to music earned him induction into both the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the National Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame. In addition to his musical achievements, Commissioner Butler also served as Chairman of the Rhythm and Blues Foundation, advocating for the recognition and fair treatment of fellow artists; and

WHEREAS, beyond his musical legacy, Commissioner Butler was a devoted husband to Annette Smith, whom he married on June 21, 1959. Their love story was one of profound commitment and enduring affection, exemplified by Butler's long walks to visit her during their courtship. Their union blessed Commissioner Butler with a family, which he credited as the cornerstone of his personal life; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the Civil Rights Movement and the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Commissioner Butler transitioned into public service. He was an ardent supporter of Harold Washington's historic mayoral campaign in the 1980s and, driven by his desire to create positive change, successfully ran for public office in 1985. Butler was elected to the Cook County Board of Commissioners and would later serve as the first Cook County Commissioner for the 3rd District when the County Board transitioned to

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representative districts. Commissioner Butler served with distinction for an unparalleled eight consecutive terms, from 1984 to 2018; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a Commissioner, Commissioner Butler played a pivotal role in advocating for public health, housing, and community development initiatives. He chaired the Health and Hospital Committee, ensuring equitable healthcare access for Cook County residents, and served as vice-chair of the Construction Committee, where he contributed to infrastructure improvements across the district; and

WHEREAS, despite his commitments to public service, Commissioner Butler never abandoned his passion for music, continuing to perform and delight audiences well into his tenure as a Commissioner. He also made significant contributions to television and film, hosting Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) specials such as *Doo Wop 50 & 51*, *Rock Rhythm and Doo Wop*, and *Sound Spectacular*, and even appearing in the 1972 science fiction film *The Thing with Two Heads*; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Butler's impact on Cook County and beyond extended beyond his professional achievements. Commissioner Butler was a mentor, a community advocate, and a beloved figure known for his warmth, wisdom, and dedication to uplifting others. His legacy continues through his sons Randall and Anthony, his grandchildren, great-granddaughter, nieces, nephews, cousins, and an extensive network of friends and admirers; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Butler's passing on February 20, 2025, following a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease, marked the end of an extraordinary life dedicated to both artistic excellence and public service. His legacy will forever be enshrined in the history of Cook County and the broader cultural and political landscape.

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, along with our colleagues on the Cook County Board, do hereby honor the life, work, and enduring contributions of Commissioner Jerry "Ice Man" Butler-a man whose voice not only defined a musical generation but also echoed through the halls of public service, leaving an indelible mark on both the arts and governance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Commissioner Jerry Butler as a token of the deep respect, appreciation, and gratitude of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that an official copy of this Resolution be entered into the permanent records of the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry, 3rd District, and the Office of the Cook County Board President, in tribute to the life and legacy of Commissioner Jerry Butler, ensuring that his remarkable contributions to music, politics, and community advocacy will be remembered for generations to come.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

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Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1821
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE BILL LOWRY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
DONNA MILLER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., MAGGIE TREVOR,
JOSINA MORITA AND TARA S. STAMPS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

A RESOLUTION HONORING WOMEN IN MINISTRY

WHEREAS, the faith community is an integral part of the rich diversity empowering Cook County's residents to pursue shared, just, and equitable life experiences; and

WHEREAS, women in ministry serve as equal partners and significantly contribute to the identity, mission, and essential initiatives of both the faith community and the broader community of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of women in ministry reflects a diverse and inclusive composition encompassing various religions, creeds, nationalities, racial backgrounds, ethnic backgrounds, identity groups, and cultures; and

WHEREAS, women's faith ministries encompass a wide range of vital activities, including institutional formation, program development, program implementation, strategic decision-making, coalition building, partnerships, and the articulation of community voices and preferences, as well as, fostering practical and emotional understanding and driving social action; and

WHEREAS, women in ministry demonstrate resilience and dedication, striving for the betterment of all Cook County residents, often in the face of unjust resistance, devaluation, and marginalization due to their womanhood and courageous leadership.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Cook County Board President, Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Commissioner of the 3rd District, Bill Lowry, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby recognize and honor women in ministry for their invaluable contributions to the health and vitality of Cook County and its residents.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd. District.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1794
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARCH AS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
AWARENESS MONTH IN COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, over six million Americans live with developmental disabilities, each facing unique challenges that demand our compassion and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the CDC estimates that one in six children aged 3 to 17 are affected, highlighting the urgent need for awareness and support; and

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WHEREAS, developmental disabilities arise from various factors and can impact individuals across all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds, reminding us of our shared responsibility to foster inclusivity; and

WHEREAS, these disabilities can shape daily lives and futures, but having a disability does not diminish a person's worth or potential for a vibrant, fulfilling life; and

WHEREAS, National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is a vital opportunity to educate our communities and advocate for the full participation of individuals with developmental disabilities in all aspects of life-education, employment, and civic engagement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that March shall serve as a month of intentional focus on creating a world where every individual has the chance to thrive; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby declare March 2025 as Developmental Disability Awareness Month in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be recorded in the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, a pledge to inclusivity and support for all.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1814
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING LARRY HOLMES, JR. FOR HIS UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO THE
ROBBINS COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Larry Holmes, Jr. stands as a beacon of hope and inspiration, driven by the legacy of his father and the urgent need for positive outlets for the youth in Robbins, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in this vibrant yet challenged community, Larry embodies the values of hard work, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to giving back; and

WHEREAS, What began as a simple pastime-cutting hair out of necessity-transformed Larry into a gifted barber, whose talent quickly earned him the respect and admiration of friends and neighbors throughout Robbins; and

WHEREAS, As a teenager, Larry-affectionately known as “Laro”-witnessed the heartbreaking impact of drugs and gangs dragging down his beloved community. Rather than stand idly by, he chose to rise, igniting a spark of change; and

WHEREAS, Driven by a profound desire to uplift the men in his community, Larry launched "Grill and Chill," a heartfelt Father’s Day celebration filled with food, fellowship, and, of course, haircuts-fostering connections and strengthening bonds; and

WHEREAS, Laro’s vision for a thriving community led him to create cherished traditions, such as a dazzling 4th of July fireworks show that has illuminated the skies for six years, and a spirited, police-escorted Back to School Bike Hike, delivering school supplies and joy to countless children; and

WHEREAS, With the warmth of his heart, Laro and his friends gathered over 100 bikes, bringing smiles and spreading Christmas cheer to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the pressing necessity for essentials, Larry organized a shoe drive, successfully collecting and distributing nearly 300 pairs of shoes to children, ensuring they stepped into school with pride and confidence; and

WHEREAS, In an extraordinary act of compassion, Larry orchestrated a blessing for a young girl tragically orphaned, ensuring that her life was filled with love and support far beyond what anyone could have anticipated; and

WHEREAS, Larry Holmes, Jr. does not seek accolades or recognition; his actions are a divine calling, fueled by a simple yet profound mission: to uplift his community, create opportunities for the youth, and forge connections among all; and

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WHEREAS, Larry humbly professes, “I’m just a kid from Robbins, IL with a barber dream, and I want to see us all win,” a testament to his boundless hope and unwavering spirit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby recognize and honor Larry Holmes, Jr. for his extraordinary service to the residents of Robbins, Illinois, and his exemplary contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be entered into the permanent record of the proceedings of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Larry Holmes, Jr. as a heartfelt token of our esteem and gratitude.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1740
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LEROY TAYLOR, SR.

WHEREAS, Leroy Taylor, Sr. was born on February 9, 1935, in Lovejoy, Illinois, and peacefully departed this life on February 24, 2025, at the age of 90, leaving behind a legacy of love, service, and dedication to his family, community, and country; and

WHEREAS, Leroy Taylor, Sr. was a devoted family man, married to three women over his lifetime-Jean, Hazel, and Lillian-and was the proud father of 10 children, 14 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Leroy Taylor, Sr. early life was marked by hard work, including his service in the United States Army, and his career as a printing-press operator; and

WHEREAS, Leroy Taylor, Sr. passion for social justice led him to become deeply involved in grassroots political movements, including his participation in marches for civil rights, notably marching alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Marquette Park; and

WHEREAS, Leroy Taylor, Sr. served his community with loyalty and dedication, joining the Stroger organization in 1965, and playing a pivotal role in the 8th Ward Democratic Organization as the President of the Young Democrats; and

WHEREAS, Leroy Taylor, Sr. was a faithful member of Park Manor Christian Church where he served in various roles including Deacon; and

WHEREAS, Leroy Taylor, Sr. was honored with the John H. Stroger, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009 for his dedication to his community; and

WHEREAS, Leroy Taylor, Sr. retired with distinction as Deputy Superintendent of the Water Reclamation Department of Chicago and Superintendent of the Cook County Forest Preserves, leaving a lasting impact on public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize Leroy Taylor Sr. whose contributions to his family, his community, and his country will forever be remembered and cherished; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Leroy Taylor, Sr.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1799
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOSINA MORITA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**RECOGNIZING THE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASSYRIAN
NEW YEAR**

WHEREAS, the day of April 1 annually is celebrated as the Assyrian New Year, also known as Kha b'Nissan or Akitu. The Assyrian New Year is not only the first day of the new year but also marks the start of spring and serves as a symbol of revival; and

WHEREAS, according to the Assyrian Policy Institute, more than 600,000 Assyrian Americans live in the United States. Illinois is home to more than 80,000 Assyrian Americans, the vast majority of whom live in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Assyrians are a transnational ethnic group indigenous to parts of northern Iraq, northwestern Iran, southeastern Turkey, and northeast Syria. They form a distinctive community, united through ethnicity, language, and a culture that constitutes one of the oldest continuous traditions in the world. In their various countries of origin, the governing authorities historically infringed on the cultural and linguistic rights of Assyrians and prohibited public celebrations of the Assyrian New Year; and

WHEREAS, Assyrians began emigrating to Illinois in the late 1800s. The earliest immigrants settled in the River North area. Their population later moved north, first to Lincoln Park and Lake View and later to Uptown and Edgewater. Migration and resettlement of Assyrians from Iraq and Syria intensified in recent years due to the conflict and sectarian violence targeting Assyrians culminating with the rise of ISIS in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Assyrian Americans work for and contribute to Cook County in numerous ways. At Cook County, we are proud to have Assyrian American public servants, and a growing number of local Assyrian American local elected officials across the state; and

WHEREAS, Assyrians have also made important contributions to the social and cultural fabric of our communities. The iconic London House in Chicago was designed by Assyrian-American architect Eva Toma. The Pentagon Memorial honoring 9/11 victims in Washington, D.C. was built by Abe Yousif, an Assyrian American from Elk Grove Village. Chicago's famous Pizza Puff was invented by Elisha Shabaz, an Assyrian American who immigrated to the U.S. from Iran in 1898; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board recognizes the cultural importance and history surrounding the observance of the Assyrian New Year for Assyrian Americans and joins the Assyrian-American community across Illinois in celebrating year 6774 of the Assyrian New Year; and

WHEREAS, Assyrian Americans are a part of the Middle Eastern and North African MENA community. Cook County is working to advance inclusion around the collection of MENA American data.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County expresses its appreciation for the vibrancy, tenacity, and contributions of the Assyrian American community and wishes all who observe this holiday a healthy and prosperous new year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tendered to The Assyrian Policy Institute and The Assyrian National Council of Illinois.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1805
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOSINA MORITA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

IN MEMORIAM OF THE HONORABLE BERYL HERMAN

WHEREAS, Beryl Edith Herman of Lincolnwood, Illinois, passed away peacefully on February 9, 2025 at the age of 87 years old; and

WHEREAS, Beryl worked for Lincolnwood School District 74 for a period of 28 years in various positions, including as an English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher. She devoted 30 years to educating children from diverse backgrounds in Lincolnwood; and

WHEREAS, Beryl was first elected as the Village Clerk of Lincolnwood in 2005 and served for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, as Village Clerk, Beryl's primary responsibilities focused on coordinating Village Board meeting minutes, answering residents' questions, and fulfilling her true passion of registering Lincolnwood voters. Beryl was known for her dedication to voter registration and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Beryl's dedication to her family, her students, and her community was an inspiration. She was a strong and intelligent advocate who recognized the humanity in all people. Beryl was a compassionate person; this quality served her well in her roles as a teacher and community office holder; and

WHEREAS, a helper by nature, Beryl's contributions over the years have left an indelible mark on the Village of Lincolnwood, and her commitment to excellence in public service has set a standard for all of us; and

WHEREAS, Beryl was predeceased by her parents, Ruth and Emanuel; her husband Ronald; and her son Daniel. She is survived by her daughter Ellen Baker (Jeff); and her grandson Eric.

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 the Honorable Beryl Herman; and

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

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1809
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOSINA MORITA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**CONGRATULATING CHUTE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT SOFIA CHAVEZ CROWNED
SPANISH SPELLING BEE WINNER**

WHEREAS, Sofia Chavez, Chute Middle School eighth grader, was crowned the Spanish District 65 Spelling Bee Champion at the third annual district-wide Spanish Spelling Bee on Wednesday, February 17th, 2025 at Haven Middle School in Evanston; and

WHEREAS, Sofia won in the 9th round, becoming champion after correctly spelling “colección” (collection); and

WHEREAS, the District competition featured winners from school-wide spelling bees. 4th-8th grade students from across the district who won their classroom competitions and then a school-wide spelling bee composed of classroom winners. Schools then sent one or two winners to the district-wide competition; and

WHEREAS, Words at this year’s Spanish bee, included rústico (rustic), gamba (prawn), oír (to hear), pensar (to think), and carbón (carbon); and

WHEREAS, Sofia will ultimately showcase her skills in the prestigious Spanish National Spelling Bee that will be held July 11-12, 2025 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at the National Hispanic Cultural Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate and commend Sofia Chavez on this impressive and well-deserved accomplishment; 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 Sofia Chavez as a means of conveying our congratulations for her service to the residents of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1812
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOSINA MORITA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**RESOLUTION HONORING GINA SPECKMAN 20 YEARS AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT
CHICAGO'S NORTH SHORE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU**

WHEREAS, Gina Speckman is celebrating her 20th Anniversary as the executive director of the Skokie-based North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau (CNSCVB) since October 2004; and

WHEREAS, Chicago's North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau (CNSCVB) is the state-certified destination marketing organization that covers the Evanston, Glencoe, Glenview, Lincolnwood, Northbrook, Prospect Heights, Skokie, Wheeling, Wilmette and Winnetka; and

WHEREAS, a native of Southfield, Michigan, and a resident of Wilmette, IL, Gina received her MBA from New York University's Stern School of Business. She completed her undergraduate work at the University of Michigan, majoring in Economics; and

WHEREAS, prior to her time at CNSCVB, Gina worked for the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau. She served in several leadership positions at Choose Chicago over the course of 17 years and served as Chairman of Chicago Plus, the Board of Illinois Destinations Association, and the Board of Destinations International; and

WHEREAS, Gina is a proven and respected community leader known for her creativity, commitment and collaboration who has been a mentor and friend to all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the President, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, this legislative body honor and celebrate Gina Speckman and her many successes over her 20 years at Chicago's North Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau, recognizing her dedication, innovation, and community spirit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Gina Speckman as a token of our appreciation and recognition of her outstanding contribution to the community.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

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Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1813
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOSINA MORITA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

IN MEMORIAM OF PHOEBE SNOWE

WHEREAS, Brian Rosenwald, aka Phoebe Snowe, 72, was born June 11th, 1952 and passed away February 19, 2025, peacefully at home in Chicago's Rogers Park surrounded by loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Brian was born in Evanston, raised in Glencoe, Brian graduated from New Trier High School before studying journalism at Fordham University in the Bronx, New York; and

WHEREAS, Brian worked as a reservation and customer service agent at Amtrak and rose amongst the ranks to serve as General Manager of the Santa Fe line. The position took Brian from Washington, D.C. to Boston, to Chicago, to Detroit to Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Brian then served as the GM of all western-bound trains and was tasked with refining the Coast Starlight Express (Seattle to LA). He oversaw the rebuilding of vintage cars and created an exclusive club for sleeper car occupants. Brian scheduled on-board wine tastings and entertainment and gave a controversial and characteristically visionary 100% service guarantee. Brian was proud to be an excellent boss who believed in his employees. He retired as a Vice President at Amtrak in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Brian moved to the Sherwin on the Lake, a lovely apartment complex in Rogers Park, and was finally able to live openly as Phoebe Snowe, a dynamic and fashionable woman. Phoebe Snowe was in honor of a railroad model the former Lackawanna Railroad passenger flagship Brian met. Phoebe found great freedom and acceptance in Rogers Park, where there really is room for everybody; and

WHEREAS, a longtime wine connoisseur, Phoebe embarked upon a new labor of love, becoming co-owner of Taste Food & Wine on Jarvis, where she conducted richly informative and entertaining tastings for 10+ years. All who had the pleasure to meet Phoebe came away with a greater knowledge of wine, and greater love; and

WHEREAS, Phoebe served as the 13th District Women's Commissioner. Phoebe joined the Commission to share her unique perspective on life's challenges and help the commission grow and expand its understanding. Phoebe's management experience, people skills, and her beautiful sense of empathy made her a force of nature; and

WHEREAS, Phoebe is survived by her dear friend and former spouse of 33 years, Susan Hinda Rosenwald (nee Kolson) of Evanston, IL; son Alex (Madeline) Rosenwald of Fairfax, VA and one daughter in Elmhurst, IL; two grandchildren (plus one on the way); and siblings Larry (Cynthia Schwan), Kent (Cecily), and Cynthia Rosenwald. She was preceded in death by her parents Alan Kenneth Rosenwald and Charlotte Heitlinger Rosenwald. She leaves behind many dear friends including her business partners Sandra Carter and Renee Labrana.

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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 Phoebe Snowe; and

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

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1815
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOSINA MORITA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE HONORABLE CLARENCE E. THOMAS

WHEREAS, Clarence “Obar” Thomas of Broadview, Illinois was born January 9, 1953 and departed this life on February 26, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Clarence was a leader to the Proviso Township community serving as a Trustee for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Clarence was former President of the Proviso Township Democratic Organization and a former president of Cook County Young Democrats; and

WHEREAS, Clarence was the Director of Building and Grounds at the Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview School District 89; and

WHEREAS, Clarence was a proud Lifetime Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Clarence will be remembered as a soft soul and tireless leader who sought the well-being of his community and its residents. His dedication and hard work in our community will leave behind a lasting impact and we are all profoundly grateful for his years of service and commitment to making a difference in the lives of so many.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the President, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, this legislative body hereby extends our heartfelt condolences and comes together to honor the memory of the Honorable Clarence Thomas, celebrating his life and legacy; 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 family of the Honorable Clarence Thomas as a means of conveying our sincerest apologies for their loss and our gratitude for his service to the residents of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, 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, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1817
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOSINA MORITA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

CELEBRATING KENNEDY MURRAY ON HER WRESTLING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WHEREAS, Kennedy Murray is a graduating senior at Evanston Township High School (ETHS), in Evanston, IL., and

WHEREAS, Kennedy is the first ETHS Girls Wrestler to have two victories at the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) postseason championship tournament, and

WHEREAS, Kennedy is the first female student-athlete in ETHS history to win the Central Suburban League (CSL) Conference Championship, and

WHEREAS, Kennedy Murray won at least three (3) wrestling tournament titles in only her second season competing in the sport, and

WHEREAS, Kennedy is a three-sport student-athlete, also competing in Flag Football and Track & Field.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners honor Kennedy Murray on the recognition of her accomplishments as a student athlete and to the Cook County community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to Kennedy Murray and her family.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1819
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE JOSINA MORITA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAMBODIAN
GENOCIDE**

WHEREAS, April 17, 2025, marks the 50th anniversary of the Cambodian Genocide, during which the Khmer Rouge regime, led by Pol Pot, orchestrated a brutal campaign of forced labor, starvation, and mass executions, resulting in the deaths of an estimated 1.7 to 2 million people between 1975 and 1979; and

WHEREAS, the Cambodian Genocide, one of the darkest chapters in human history, led to the near-total destruction of Cambodia's intellectual, cultural, and civic institutions, leaving survivors deeply scarred by trauma and loss; and

WHEREAS, following the genocide, thousands of Cambodian refugees resettled in the United States, including the greater Chicagoland area, seeking safety, opportunity, and the chance to rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, Skokie has a history of welcoming refugees and immigrants, providing a home to those fleeing persecution, including Holocaust survivors, Cambodian genocide survivors, and other displaced peoples from around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Cambodian American community in Cook County has made significant contributions to the cultural, economic, and civic life of the county, demonstrating remarkable resilience in the face of historical trauma and embodying the values of hard work, family, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Skokie made history by electing Khemarey Khoeun, the first Cambodian American woman to public office in the United States, a testament to the strength, perseverance, and leadership of the Cambodian American community; and

WHEREAS, the 50th anniversary of the Cambodian Genocide is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of justice, remembrance, and education, ensuring that future generations understand the lessons of history and remain vigilant against hatred, authoritarianism, and genocide; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government stands in solidarity with Cambodian genocide survivors, their descendants, and all those working to preserve the memory of those lost while promoting healing and recognition for those who have endured unimaginable hardship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County Board formally recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Cambodian Genocide, honors the victims and survivors, and reaffirms its commitment to being a community that welcomes refugees, upholds human rights, and values the contributions of all its residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cook County Government encourages residents to engage in learning, reflection, and remembrance through educational programs, community discussions, and cultural events that highlight the history, resilience, and contributions of the Cambodian American community.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1739
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**CONGRATULATING MARITZA OCASIO FOR RECEIVING THE LEADERSHIP AWARD
FROM THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PUERTO RICAN WOMEN**

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2025, Maritza Ocasio will be recognized by The National Conference of Puerto Rican Women - Northern Illinois at the organization's Women's History Month brunch; and

WHEREAS, the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women is a non-partisan organization that promotes the full participation of Puerto Rican and other Hispanic women in their economic, social and political life in the United States and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Maritza is a member of the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women - Northern Illinois Chapter and served as the organization's secretary; and

WHEREAS, Maritza works diligently at Rincon Family Services as a Recovery Support Specialist in the Living Room Program, assisting individuals who are experiencing Mental Health Challenges and substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, she also serves on the CEO Advisory Committee of Rincon Family Services; and

WHEREAS, Maritza saw her communities' deeper need for these services and chose to become certified with the State of Illinois as a Recovery Support Specialist to be able to further serve her community; and

WHEREAS, Maritza Ocasio is a survivor of domestic violence and mother of two boys, who now advocates for others in similar situations, and shares her survival techniques; and

WHEREAS, Maritza is a devoted member of her community and actively serves as an instructor and does trainings on Mental Health First Aid, Suicide Prevention, Harm Reduction, and Wellness Recovery Action Planning in the 8ths District of Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby congratulate Martiza Ocasio for her major accomplishment in receiving the Leadership Award from the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Maritza Ocasio.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1777
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

CELEBRATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF ROLLING MEADOWS

WHEREAS, the City of Rolling Meadows has reached a proud milestone, marking its 70th anniversary of incorporation on February 26, 1955; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rolling Meadows was originally planned and developed by its founder, Kimball Hill, to offer affordable housing to returning war veterans; and

WHEREAS, one of the City's founding principles was to preserve this legacy as seen by the Veterans Memorial and Blue Star Memorial on Kirchoff Road, as well as many veteran-focused events and programs; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, Rolling Meadows has demonstrated a commitment to community growth, cooperation and the well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Rolling Meadows have contributed significantly to the City's rich heritage through their dedication and hard work; and

WHEREAS, the Rolling Meadows Historical Society was established by the City in 2002 in conjunction with the construction of a replica mid-1950's style ranch house and an adjoining education center, with its mission to preserve the history of the City of Rolling Meadows' earliest pioneer residents, to provide a

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representation of life in the 1950's and to archive City of Rolling Meadows history from its beginnings to present day...and into its future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the members of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby proclaim the year of 2025 to be a year celebrating the 70th anniversary of the City of Rolling Meadows; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the members of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County invite all residents to join in celebrating this remarkable milestone with various commemorative events and activities throughout the year, joining those events sponsored by the Rolling Meadows Historical Society, the Rolling Meadows Community Events Foundation and other community organizations.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1783
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
PROSPECT POST 1337**

WHEREAS, Veterans of Foreign Wars Prospect Post 1337 was chartered on April 7, 1925, by 15 residents of Mount Prospect and has operated continuously since then; and

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WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars traces its roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service; and

WHEREAS, today, the VFW's worldwide membership stands at more than 1.4 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, the Mission of the VFW is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts, to serve our veterans, the military and our communities, and to advocate on behalf of all veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Vision of the VFW is to ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country; and

WHEREAS, members of VFW Post 1337 have served veterans since its creation and, in keeping with its Core Values, also served the Village of Mount Prospect with a variety of service projects; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 1337 has earned numerous national recognitions including six consecutive All-American designations, National Outstanding Community Service Awards in 2012-2022 and 2022-2023, and the Grand Award in the 2023 VFW National Publication Contest for their newsletter in the Post Publication/Small Frequency category; and

WHEREAS, VFW Post 1337 will mark its centennial with a celebration on April 5, 2025, featuring a gourmet dinner, dancing, and an address from Keynote Speaker and Medal of Honor Recipient, Allen J. Lynch; and

WHEREAS, the centennial celebration will include displays of historical significance including a duplicate copy of the original charter, national award plaques, and a moving audiovisual presentation of approximately 250 photographs of Post members and activities dating back to its founding year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the members of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby celebrate the 100th anniversary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Prospect Post 1337; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the members of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County recognize the invaluable contributions made by VFW Prospect Post 1337 in supporting veterans and the Mount Prospect community over the past century; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to VFW Prospect Post 1337 in honor of their centennial anniversary on April 7, 2025.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

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Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1843
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING THE HISPANIC AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
(HACIA) ON THEIR 45TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, founded in 1979, the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA) is a 501(c)(6) organization dedicated to ensuring the equitable participation of its members in the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, HACIA's vision is to foster a community of diverse construction leaders with equitable opportunities, creating generational wealth and transforming communities; and

WHEREAS, HACIAS' commitment extends to Minority-and Woman-owned Business Enterprises across the Midwest, as we advocate for public policy changes, provide essential business tools, and offer training and education to help Hispanics thrive in the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, HACIA's pillars consist of advocacy, networking and, building capacity; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, HACIA launched a comprehensive training initiative to provide construction industry professionals with the skills, certifications, and networks needed to advance their careers; and

WHEREAS, HACIA's programs have opened doors of opportunity for thousands of professionals and continue to expand educational offerings; and

WHEREAS, HACIA's Business Capacity programs serve small and mid-size business owners as well as established professionals within the Construction Industry seeking to scale their business, grow their network, and develop professionally; and

WHEREAS, HACIA's workforce development programs prepare individuals new to the Construction Industry for gainful employment and support them in their efforts to build prosperous careers in the construction trades; and

WHEREAS, HACIA offers multiple programs such as general construction and electrical pre-apprenticeship, safety training, phius training, construction inspection technician, assistant project engineer, and many more; and

WHEREAS, HACIA is steadfast in advocating for equity and inclusion at the state and local levels. They are actively working with legislators and stakeholders to support initiatives like HB1224 and SB74, which focus on retention reform in state contracts; and

WHEREAS, these bills aim to remove barriers for small and diverse businesses by promoting transparency and equity in contract retention practices; and

WHEREAS, HACIA believes in the power of collaboration and often calls on subcontractors, general contractors, and suppliers to share their experiences and concerns. Through surveys and open dialogue, they aim to identify solutions that work for everyone and drive impactful change in partnership with local governments, agencies, and contractors; and

WHEREAS, HACIA has dedicated 45 years to advancing access and support systems for businesses and has continued to uplift issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor the 45th Anniversary of the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution is presented to the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA) on their 45th Anniversary._

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1841
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING NEW LIFE CENTERS OF CHICAGOLAND ON THEIR 20th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, New Life Centers of Chicagoland was created in 2005 to address the needs of communities surrounding New Life Community Church locations; and

WHEREAS, as neighbors approached the church with pressing issues-gang violence, teen pregnancy, justice system involvement, unemployment-New Life Centers of Chicagoland responded with custom-made center programs that fit the community; and

WHEREAS, New Life Centers of Chicagoland was founded by the New Life Community Church, a multi-site church operating at over 27 sites throughout Chicagoland and internationally; and

WHEREAS, New Life Community Church was founded as an 18-member church in Chicago's Back of the Yards neighborhood. New Life (Nueva Vida) still exists under its founding pastor, Pastor Mark Jobe, and now hosts over 34 services weekly; and

WHEREAS, initial sites grew in the Little Village and Midway neighborhoods (2005); and

WHEREAS, New Life Centers of Chicagoland programs continued to expand at Humboldt Park (2008), Cicero, Jefferson Park, Oak Forest; and

WHEREAS, New Life Centers of Chicagoland's mission is to connect young people and their families with Christ and the Community through life-on-life relationships, and their vision is to create a beloved community together; and

WHEREAS, New Life Centers of Chicagoland offers various programs, including educational groups like *La Semilla* and *The Vine*, which serve as afterschool safe havens and summer activities programs; and

WHEREAS, New Life Centers of Chicagoland also offers various sports, including baseball, softball, La Villita basketball, soccer, Neighborhood Sports Little Village (NSLV), open gym, and running forward program; and

WHEREAS, peacemaking groups, such as Juvenile Justice, Resiliency Services, and street outreach, are offered; and

WHEREAS, community care programs such as *Pan de Vida*, *Abundant Life*, and *New Vecinos* are offered; and

WHEREAS, their street outreach team mediated 93% of critical incidents in their targeted area; and

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WHEREAS, 95 community events were held in their service area with over 16,000 attendees; and

WHEREAS, 200,000+ people were able to benefit from their food pantry every year; and

WHEREAS, New Life Centers of Chicagoland had over 2,000+ participants in their mentoring program a year; and

WHEREAS, New Life Centers of Chicagoland has received multiple recognitions, including the Notable Leadership Award in 2015, the IMPACT Award for Best 1:1 Mentoring Program in Illinois in 2016, the Partner in Justice Award in 2021, and the Mayor's Medal of Honor in 2022; and

WHEREAS, to this day, New Life Centers of Chicagoland continues its culture of creating programs that address neighborhood needs and empower neighborhood involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor the 20th Anniversary of New Life Centers of Chicagoland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution is presented to New Life Centers of Chicagoland on their 20th Anniversary.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1851
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING PILSEN COMMUNITY BOOKS ON THEIR 5TH ANNIVERSARY AS A
WORKER COOPERATIVE**

WHEREAS, Pilsen Community Books was founded in 2016 with the mission of fostering literacy, critical thought, and radical imagination within the community; and

WHEREAS, in March 2020, Pilsen Community Books became Chicago's only employee-owned and operated independent bookstore, ensuring that its workers have a direct stake in its success and the ability to uphold its values of equity and collective empowerment; and

WHEREAS, located on 18th Street in the heart of Pilsen, Pilsen Community Books has become a vital neighborhood institution, providing not just literature but also a space for dialogue, organizing, and cultural resistance; and

WHEREAS, despite taking ownership just before the COVID-19 pandemic, the bookstore's worker-owners have remained steadfast in their commitment to serving the community, ensuring that books, ideas, and mutual aid remain accessible even in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, Pilsen Community Books prioritizes ethical business practices by ensuring all its merchandise is union-printed and designed by local Chicago artists, reinforcing its commitment to labor solidarity and the creative economy; and

WHEREAS, beyond being a bookstore, Pilsen Community Books serves as a hub for activism and collective action, hosting film screenings, fundraisers, banner and sign-making sessions, and other community-driven events that amplify the voices of the oppressed and marginalized; and

WHEREAS, Pilsen Community Books is open seven days a week, welcoming all who seek knowledge, inspiration, and a space to engage with movements for social justice; and

WHEREAS, Pilsen Community Books is more than just a place to purchase books, it is a fierce advocate for liberation, a sanctuary for radical thought, and a beacon of empowerment and literacy for the community it serves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor the 5th Anniversary of Pilsen Community Books; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution is presented to Pilsen Community Books on their 5th Anniversary.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1850
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF AGNES F. BEDNARKIEWICZ

WHEREAS, Agnes F. Bednarkiewicz was born on August 31, 1946; and

WHEREAS, Agnes F. Bednarkiewicz was the daughter of Joseph and Frances (nee Olszewski), growing up with the values of hard work, faith, and a commitment to community; and

WHEREAS, Agnes F. Bednarkiewicz dedicated her life to serving others, driven by a deep love for her neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Agnes F. Bednarkiewicz served as the president of the McKinley Park Civic Association for 21 years, from 2004 to 2025; and

WHEREAS, Agnes F. Bednarkiewicz, as president of the McKinley Park Civic Association, was a fierce advocate for her neighbors, working tirelessly to uplift, strengthen, and preserve the spirit of the community she cherished; and

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WHEREAS, Agnes F. Bednarkiewicz was a devoted parishioner of St. Mary of Perpetual Help Church, where her faith provided solace and strength and guided her in service to others; and

WHEREAS, Agnes F. Bednarkiewicz embraced life with joy, finding happiness in playing bingo, cherishing her love for animals, and enjoying the peace of her vacation home; and

WHEREAS, Agnes F. Bednarkiewicz had an adventurous spirit, always eager to explore new restaurants and experience the world through good food and good company; and

WHEREAS, Agnes F. Bednarkiewicz passed away on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at the age of 78, leaving behind a profound legacy of love, service, and community that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby hold in reverence in honor of the historic legacy of Agnes F. Bednarkiewicz as we offer our heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Agnes F. Bednarkiewicz as an honorable expression of appreciation for her life and work.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1842
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOSINA MORITA AND ANTHONY J. QUEZADA,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR BENITA SANTILLANES

WHEREAS, Benita Santillanes is being honored by The National Conference of Puerto Rican Women (NACOPRW) Inc., which is a non-profit, non-partisan, organization dedicated to promoting the full participation of Puerto Rican and other Hispanic women in their economic, social and political life in the United States and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Benita is a living inspiration to Puerto Rican and other women of Hispanic heritage, and

WHEREAS, Benita endured and survived leg amputation after and encounter with a DUI driver, as well as a mastectomy to fight breast cancer, and

WHEREAS, her documentary “Beautifully Scarred” is on YouTube and helps bring awareness about mental health and coping issues, and

WHEREAS, Benita began to use her life experience to do comedy, and as of January 2025, she hosts a podcast called, “It’s A Life Thing”, and

WHEREAS, she is an actress at Dream Team Talent Agency and has owned Birthright Productions since 2019; and

WHEREAS, Benita is a licensed real estate broker and has been a massage therapist since 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners honor Benita Santillanes on the recognition of her service to the Cook County community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to Benita Santillanes.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Aguilar, Anaya, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (16)

Nays: None (0)

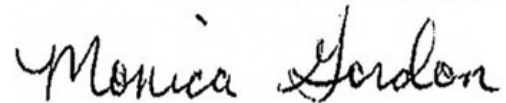
Absent: Commissioner Britton (1)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Lowry, that the meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on April 10, 2025, in accordance with County Board Resolution 25-0986.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.



COUNTY CLERK