

Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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9:00 AM

Consent Calendar

**Cook County Building, Board Room,
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

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**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, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (13)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

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. Ilinca Wallace, Birth to Five Illinois
2. Khelan Todd, North Lawndale Employment Network
3. Rolanda Clark, Chicago
4. Edith Makra, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
5. Jamal Malone, Ada S. McKinley Community Services
6. Jorge Mujica, ARISE Chicago

CONSENT CALENDAR

Sponsored by
THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
ALMA E. ANAYA, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY,
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NATIONAL LAW DAY 2025 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, representatives from thirteen disparate but United States of America declared independence from a tyrannical king and proposed as their motto, “E Pluribus Unum”-or “Out of Many, One”-a phrase symbolizing the unity of a nation founded on the ideals of liberty, equality and justice; and

WHEREAS, the drafters of the Constitution, seeking to prevent tyranny by any one group, separated the powers of the legislature, the executive, and the judiciary among three branches of government, ensuring no one faction could rule unchecked; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, the American people have continued to pursue “Out of Many, One,” including with the 14th Amendment granting citizenship to all born or naturalized in the United States and the 15th and 19th Amendments by extending voting rights regardless of race or sex; and

WHEREAS, the United States has always consisted of many viewpoints, religions, and experiences, and the trajectory of this country has been to include more voices, thus becoming a true representative democracy of the many; and

WHEREAS, immigrants from around the world continue to come to the United States to embrace our shared democratic values and enrich our culture and economy; and

WHEREAS, public education was designed to serve as a unifying force, providing an economic benefit, instilling values of civic virtue, and bringing social classes together to form “one” educated citizenry; and

WHEREAS, we the people are united by our shared responsibility to contribute to the common good, through jury duty, voting, taxes, and military or public service; and

WHEREAS, we the people are also brought together in pursuit of legislative efforts that promote healthcare, education, clean air and water, national emergency responses, and national parks; and

WHEREAS, while the United States has made great strides in realizing “E Pluribus Unum,” inequalities still persist, and political polarization threatens our shared sense of community; and

WHEREAS, in 1958 President Eisenhower proclaimed Law Day to honor the role of law in the creation of the United States of America, and in 1961 Congress issued a joint resolution declaring May 1, Law Day; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Law Day 2025 is “The Constitution's Promise: Out of Many, One.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County Law Library will celebrate Law Day by continuing in its mission of providing access to legal research resources, educational opportunities, and legal reference support for the people of Cook County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Law Office Cook County Public Defender will celebrate Law Day by continuing in its mission to protect the fundamental rights, liberties and dignity of each person whose case has been entrusted to the Law Office Cook County Public Defender by providing the finest legal representation.

Approved and adopted this 10th of April 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1911
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

EARTH MONTH RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, and is widely recognized as a day to reflect on the importance of the natural world, bringing together communities to support environmental action, and April has come to be known as “Earth Month” by extension; and

WHEREAS, under Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle’s leadership, Sustainable Communities is a pillar of the Cook County Offices Under the President Policy Roadmap Strategic Plan,

to support healthy, resilient communities that thrive economically, socially and environmentally by prioritizing efforts that reduce the County's climate impact, improve the resiliency of communities, reduce pollution and support green infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Cook County works to improve accessibility to green spaces including 70,000 acres supported by the Forest Preserves of Cook County, and the County recognizes the numerous plant and animal species and ecosystems that deserve protection and require responsible stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Sustainability has been engaging with residents through surveys, town halls and public input to learn more about environmental concerns and share a first draft Environmental Justice Policy for Cook County, co-developed by an internal working group made up of representatives across multiple County Departments and Agencies and a Community Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Asset Management has coordinated actions across the County in an effort to meet the goals outlined in the Cook County Clean Energy Plan including pursuing renewable energy efforts, reducing emissions in Cook County buildings and improving efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Cook County supports residents in reducing their environmental impact and improving health through programs such as Healthy Homes for Healthy Families and Sun and Save residential renewable energy subsidy, engages businesses in free assessments on pollution reduction through Businesses Reducing Impact on the Environment (BRITE) and replaces lead water lines through LeadCare Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County continues to reduce the amount of solid waste sent to landfills through recycling and diversion efforts and collaborating with partners to implement the Solid Waste Management Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners commemorates and celebrates Earth Month in Cook County, recognizing the significant accomplishments and progress made to date by the County in fighting climate change and ensuring a healthy and clean environment for all people and places in Cook County, and continues our commitment to supporting further positive actions to benefit our communities and the environments in which they live, work and play. _

Approved and adopted this 10th of April 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2049
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY

WHEREAS, Scientific research shows that interacting with therapy animals can reduce stress, relieve depression, slow heart rate, lower blood pressure and strengthen the immune system; and

WHEREAS, therapy animal teams throughout Cook County play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and

WHEREAS, therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people in our community including veterans, seniors, patients, students and those approaching the end of life; and

WHEREAS, these exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human companions bring comfort and healing to those in need; and

WHEREAS, we encourage more pet owners to consider becoming Pet Partners volunteers to help our community by creating greater access to meaningful therapy animal visits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare April 30th, 2025, as National Therapy Animal Day, and we encourage the residents of Cook County to celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers. Further, we salute the service of therapy animal teams in our communities and across the nation.

Approved and adopted this 10th of April 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2311
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

WHEREAS, the first years of a child's life represent the most rapid period of brain development, laying the foundation for future learning; and

WHEREAS, there are 353,032 children from birth through age five in Cook County, including 139,520 living at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2024, 42,548 children in Cook County participated in the Child Care Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, participation in high-quality early childhood education and care programs saves taxpayer dollars, enhances family economic stability, and prepares children to succeed in school, earn higher wages, and lead healthier lives; and

WHEREAS, young children need access to developmentally appropriate, high-quality early childhood education that is affordable and locally available in their communities; and

WHEREAS, access to these programs supports child development and helps parents secure and maintain employment; and

WHEREAS, research shows that investing in high-quality early childhood education provides a significant return on investment through long-term social and economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, working families require an adequate supply of affordable, high-quality childcare options; and

WHEREAS, early childhood educators need access to comprehensive support services, including infant and early childhood mental health consultation, partnership with Early Intervention therapists, and resources that enhance quality care; and

WHEREAS, care workers remain undervalued and underpaid, and they deserve fair wages to attract and retain a qualified, stable workforce; and

WHEREAS, the quality of early childhood education depends on the expertise of educators who partner with families to foster strong early learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, current tuition from fee-paying parents and public subsidy rates are typically insufficient to support highly qualified early childhood educators and maintain the low child-to-educator ratios necessary for child health and safety; and

WHEREAS, vital programs such as Head Start are under threat at the federal level, jeopardizing access to essential early learning opportunities for families with low incomes; and

WHEREAS, we commend Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois General Assembly for creating the new Department of Early Childhood Education through the passage of SB1, which consolidates early childhood services from three agencies to streamline and improve services for families and caregivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County recognizes April 5-11 as Week of the Young Child, an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cook County urges federal, state, and local leaders to prioritize and expand investments in high-quality early childhood education and care to support the well-being of all children and families.

Approved and adopted this 10th of April 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2312
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE BRIDGET DEGNEN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, DONNA MILLER,
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MAGGIE TREVOR, SEAN M. MORRISON AND MICHAEL SCOTT JR.
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**PROCLAIMING APRIL 30, 2025, AS “NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY” IN COOK
COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, National Therapy Animal Day was created by Pet Partners to celebrate the exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human companions to bring comfort and healing to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Pet Partners has designated April 30 as National Therapy Animal Day; and

WHEREAS, Pet Partners is the national leader in demonstrating and promoting the benefits of animal assisted therapy, activities, and education; and

WHEREAS, there are thousands of Pet Partners therapy animal teams serving in communities across the United States, including in Cook County, and they play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond; and

WHEREAS, Pet Partners therapy animal teams make millions of visits each year to hospitals, nursing homes, schools, libraries, and hospice care settings, assisting a diverse cross section of the community including veterans, seniors, patients, students facing literacy challenges, and those approaching end of life; and

WHEREAS, pet therapy is proven to have a myriad of health benefits, including improved cardiovascular health, and lowered blood pressure, irritability, and stress; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that therapy animals also benefit from their work, noting that therapy dogs displayed higher rates of endorphins and oxytocin than average family pets; and

WHEREAS, in celebrating National Therapy Animal Day we also recognize the dedicated human handlers, who undertake extensive training with their therapy animal partners, and who generously volunteer their time and compassion; and

WHEREAS, we encourage more pet owners to consider becoming Pet Partners volunteers to help our community by creating greater access to meaningful therapy animal visits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby celebrate the extraordinary service of therapy animal teams in Cook County and throughout the country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby proclaims April 30, 2025, as, “National Therapy Animal Day,” in Cook County, IL and encourages the citizens of Cook County to honor and celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers.

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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2161
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL,
JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR.,
TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK AND MINORITY HEALTH MONTH
IN COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the month of April is National Minority Health Month, a month-long initiative to advance health equity across the country on behalf of all racial and ethnic minorities and highlight the importance of improving their health while reducing health disparities; and

WHEREAS, in solidarity with National Minority Health Month, the week of April 11-17 is Black Maternal Health Week in the United States, it is a week of awareness, activism, and community building intended to deepen the national conversation about Black maternal health in the US; amplify community-driven policy, research, and care solutions; center the voices of Black Mamas, women, families, and stakeholders; provide a national platform for Black-led entities and efforts on maternal health, birth and reproductive justice; and enhance community organizing on Black maternal health; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for Black Maternal Health Week is "Healing Legacies: Strengthening Black Maternal Health Through Collective Action and Advocacy,"; and

WHEREAS, Black women in the United States experience unacceptably poor maternal health outcomes, including disproportionately high rates of death related to pregnancy or childbirth, and are three to four times more likely to experience a pregnancy-related death than white women, numbers that are mirrored in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, a person's race should never determine their health outcomes, and pregnancy and childbirth should be safe for all. However, for far too many Black women, safety and equity have been tragically denied due to generations of systemic disadvantages in health care delivery and health care access, including lack of access to health care information and services, lack of insurance coverage, denial of therapeutics, limited access to contraceptive services, and cultural biases and discrimination in medical practice and medical education; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2022 Illinois Task Force on Infant and Maternal Mortality Among African Americans report, the crisis of non-Hispanic Black/African American infant and maternal mortality and morbidity in states, especially Illinois, mirrors the larger trends seen across the country; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the 12-month ending provisional maternal mortality rates by race ending June 2024 are as follows: Hispanic or Latina 13.8 per 100,000 live births, White non-Hispanic 15.3 per 100,000 live births, Asian non-Hispanic 14.6 per 100,000 live births and Black; and

WHEREAS, both societal and health system factors contribute to the high rates of poor health outcomes and maternal mortality for Black women, who are more likely to experience barriers to obtaining quality care and often face racial discrimination throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, public policies and medical practice should incentivize providing patient-centered care that focuses on Black women's individualized needs, including non-clinical social needs. Moreover, policies should endeavor to eradicate cultural biases and discrimination in medical practice and medical education, increase provider diversity in maternity care and hold individual providers and hospital systems accountable if they fail to provide unbiased, high-quality, evidence-based care; and

WHEREAS, the origin of National Minority Health Month was the 1915 establishment of National Negro Health Week by Booker T. Washington, and in 2002, National Minority Health Month received support from the U.S. Congress with a concurrent resolution; and

WHEREAS, African American & Latinx communities have endured historically bad treatment with our healthcare system, and National Minority Health Month is a time to re-double our efforts to improve this system by listening to their concerns and work to build the trust that was lost over generations of poor treatment; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme for National Minority Health Month is “Advancing Commitments to Eliminate Health Disparities” to highlight the important role of diverse communities, organizations, and individuals in organizations in advancing health equity and reducing health disparities among racial and ethnic minority and other diverse populations; and

WHEREAS, when patients are provided with culturally and linguistically appropriate information, they are empowered to create healthier outcomes for themselves and their communities; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body wishes to promote and raise awareness of National Minority Health Month and Black Maternal Health Week in Cook County and to honor the work done to improve health disparities in Cook County and Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby take this opportunity to acknowledge National Minority Health Month and Black Maternal Health Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conjunction with these two important commemorations, that the month of April be hereby declared Minority Health Month in the County of Cook, and the week of April 11-17 be declared Black Maternal Health Week in the County of Cook; and

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

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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2163
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,

**JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL,
JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR.,
TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**DESIGNATING APRIL AS STI AWARENESS MONTH AND APRIL 13-19, 2025, AS STI
AWARENESS WEEK IN COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, April is designated as National STI Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control designates the 2nd week in April as STI Awareness Week with the theme with the theme Talk, Test, Treat, an opportunity to raise awareness about sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and how they impact our lives; reduce STI-related stigma, fear, and discrimination; and ensure people have the tools and knowledge for prevention, testing, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, anyone who is sexually active can get an STI, so it is important to learn more about them and how to minimize your exposure to STIs and take care of your sexual health; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, the STI epidemic continues to be widespread, and the 2023 Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Surveillance Report underscores that STIs must be a public health priority as more than 2.4 million cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis were reported in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this includes over 209,000 cases of syphilis, over 600,000 cases of gonorrhea, and over 1.6 million cases of chlamydia. Importantly, the combined count includes 3,882 cases of congenital syphilis, including 279 congenital syphilis stillbirths and neonatal/infant deaths; and

WHEREAS, significant disparities in reported sexually transmitted infections (STIs) persisted in 2023. Adolescents and young adults aged 15-24 accounted for nearly half of all reported cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis. Gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM) are disproportionately affected by STIs, especially gonorrhea and primary and secondary (P&S) syphilis. Co-infection with HIV is common among MSM, with 37.2% of MSM with P&S syphilis having HIV. In 2023, 32.4% of all cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and P&S syphilis were among non-Hispanic Black or African American individuals, despite comprising only 12.6% of the US population. Rates of P&S syphilis and congenital syphilis were highest among American Indian or Alaska Native individuals; and

WHEREAS, these disparities are likely due to unequal access to high-quality sexual health care and differences in sexual network characteristics, not just variations in sexual behavior. For instance, in communities with a higher prevalence of STIs, individuals face a greater likelihood of encountering an infected partner during each sexual encounter. Recognizing these disparities and their causes is crucial for empowering affected communities and the public health sector to address systemic inequalities in disease burden; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that STIs acquired cost the American health care system nearly \$16 billion in health care costs alone each year; and

WHEREAS, without treatment, STIs can lead to serious health problems such as severe pain, pregnancy outside the uterus, infertility, loss of eyesight, birth defects, certain types of cancers, an up to 5-fold increased risk of HIV transmission and even death, but the good news is that getting tested is easy, and most STIs can be successfully treated; and

WHEREAS, Illinois currently ranks 11th in the nation for chlamydia infections, 13th for gonorrhea infections, 25th for Congenital Syphilis, and 31st for primary and secondary syphilis infections; and

WHEREAS, public health officials stress that individuals can lower the chance of contracting STIs by limiting the number of sexual partners, getting vaccinated for vaccine preventable conditions such as HPV and Mpox virus, frequent testing and practicing safe sex.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this esteemed body in conjunction with National STI Awareness Week and STI Awareness Month hereby recognizes and commemorates April 13-19, 2025, as STI Awareness Week and April 2025 as STI Awareness Month in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body encourages individuals, organizations, and communities to actively participate in raising awareness about sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and how they impact our lives; how to reduce STI-related stigma, fear, and discrimination; and ensure people have the tools and knowledge for prevention, testing, and treatment; and

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

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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2234
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION HONORING THE KENWOOD ACADEMY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR HISTORIC STATE CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

WHEREAS, the Kenwood Academy Girls Basketball Team cemented its legacy in the annals of Illinois high school sports by capturing their first-ever Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 4A State Championship with a decisive 65-44 victory over Palatine's William Fremd on Saturday, March 16, 2025, at Illinois State University's CEFCU (Redbird) Arena in Bloomington-Normal; and

WHEREAS, the Broncos demonstrated an unparalleled level of skill, perseverance, and synergy throughout the 2024-2025 season, culminating in a stellar 35-3 record and solidifying their standing as the premier team in the State; and

WHEREAS, under the astute and inspirational leadership of Head Coach Andre Lewis, along with Assistant Coaches Ky Gavin, Adrian McDaniel, Demon Page, Billy Survillion, Kimmey Barksdale, and Beverly Chick, the Kenwood Academy Girls Basketball Team exhibited extraordinary tenacity, fortitude, and discipline, executing a commanding 14-2 fourth quarter run to decisively claim their championship title; and

WHEREAS, senior point guard Danielle Brooks, who amassed a game-high 24 points, and senior small forward London Walker-George, who contributed 19 points along with exemplary defensive efforts, displayed exceptional performances significantly propelling the Broncos to victory; and

WHEREAS, the team's defensive intensity proved instrumental in neutralizing Fremd's offensive threats, particularly in the final quarter, underscoring the Broncos' unwavering commitment to excellence and competitive rigor; and

WHEREAS, despite challenges such as key players encountering foul trouble, the Broncos maintained composure and resolve, with senior guard Ariella Henigan emerging as a linchpin of leadership and motivation for her teammates; and

WHEREAS, this historic championship represents not only a landmark achievement for Kenwood Academy but also an indelible source of pride for its students, faculty, alumni, and the entire Kenwood community; and

WHEREAS, the Kenwood Academy Girls Basketball Team's historic triumph is a testament to the collective dedication of its outstanding roster, including players Danielle Brooks, Icesis Thomas, Amillya Henigan, Ariella Henigan, Jade Hamilton-Gill, Makayla Triplett, Emmarie Leonard-Collins, Danielle Waddy, London Walker-George, Logan Ramsey, Diann Jackson, Journey Stanford, Kyndall Burgess, Indiah Zarbock, and Shalia Poole; and

WHEREAS, the team's success was also made possible by the invaluable contributions of their support staff, including statisticians Josefina Kitson, Laila Love, and Laila Richardson-Jenkins; and

WHEREAS, the Broncos' victory serves as a beacon of inspiration for future generations of student-athletes at Kenwood Academy, epitomizing the virtues of perseverance, teamwork, and academic-athletic excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners formally extends its heartfelt congratulations to the Kenwood Academy Girls Basketball Team, Head Coach Andre Lewis, the coaching staff, and all players for their extraordinary and historic achievement in winning the 2025 IHSA Class 4A State Championship; and

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, to the Kenwood Academy Girls Basketball Team as an enduring tribute to their remarkable success and to commemorate this momentous occasion in Cook County history.

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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2240
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE WALTER H. DYETT HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE
ARTS BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2025 ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Walter H. Dyett High School for the Arts, a venerable institution located in the heart of the Bronzeville-Washington Park community, achieved an unprecedented milestone in its athletic history

by securing the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 2A Boys' Basketball State Championship on March 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Dyett Eagles, under the resolute and visionary leadership of Head Coach Jamaal Gill-who also serves with distinction as the school's Athletic Director and Head of Security-emerged victorious with a final score of 52-41 over Belleville Althoff Catholic High School at the University of Illinois' State Farm Center in Champaign, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, this historic victory represents the school's first-ever state championship in basketball and serves as a crowning achievement to a season marked by perseverance, cohesion, and athletic excellence, culminating in a remarkable 27-7 overall record and a resounding seven-game winning streak to close the season; and

WHEREAS, the team's triumph was fueled by the extraordinary performances of its senior stalwarts, including Jayden McKinnon-whose poise and precision earned him a game-high seventeen (17) points-and Ricky Coleman, whose multifaceted contributions included ten (10) points and seven (7) rebounds, exemplifying the indefatigable spirit of the Eagles; and

WHEREAS, Dyett High School was once slated for closure in 2015, The community, parents, students, teachers, and organizations like the Kenwood Oakland Community Organization (KOCO), salvaged and revitalized Dyett High School through a monumental 34-day hunger strike, leading to Dyett's 2016 reopening as a sustainable community school dedicated to the holistic development of its students; and

WHEREAS, the Eagles' championship run is emblematic of this broader institutional renaissance, serving as an allegory for the power of collective action, educational equity, and the indomitable will of a community determined to uplift its youth; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of this accomplishment reverberates far beyond the hardwood. Dyett High School's Boys' Basketball Team's accomplishment is a profound affirmation of the latent potential within our public schools when nurtured with resources, mentorship, and unrelenting support from their surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Principal Dori Butler, Coach Gill, the student-athletes, and every member of the Dyett High School community have demonstrated not merely athletic prowess, but an unwavering commitment to discipline, teamwork, and scholastic excellence, thereby becoming paragons of inspiration across the County of Cook.

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, hereby recognize, extol, and formally congratulate the Walter H. Dyett high school for the arts boys' basketball team for their monumental victory in the 2025 Ihsa class 2a state championship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Coach Jamaal Gill, Principal Dori Butler, and the Dyett Eagles as a symbol of this Board's profound admiration and enduring support. Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd.

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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2075
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ANNIE PEARL HOWARD

WHEREAS, the esteemed Annie Pearl Howard, born on May 6, 1938, in Jackson, Mississippi, graced this world with a presence defined by unwavering love, resilience, and boundless wisdom; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Howard was the beloved daughter of Nina Mae Jones and Johnnie “Buster” Jones, who instilled in her the values of faith, perseverance, and compassion, guiding Mrs. Howard on a journey touching the lives of many; and

WHEREAS, from Mrs. Howard’s early years, Annie Pearl embodied the essence of strength and devotion, accepting Christ into her heart and embracing the virtues of kindness and service; and

WHEREAS, after receiving her foundational education at Martin Elementary School and later attending Parker High School, Mrs. Howard exemplified the highest standard of commitment to her family, pausing her studies to return to Jackson, Mississippi, to care for her ailing father while continuing her education at Jim Hill High School; and

WHEREAS, life’s path led Mrs. Howard to New Orleans, Louisiana, where she found a love transcending time in Roosevelt “Cat/Catman” Howard, forging a union rooted in mutual respect, shared culture, and an enduring bond that withstood the tests of time; and

WHEREAS, together, Annie Pearl and Roosevelt Howard built a life filled with love and purpose, raising their children-Gwendolyn Annette, Yvette, Johnny “Man,” and Randy-with the same values of faith, community, and integrity she so passionately embodied; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Mrs. Howard and her beloved husband returned to Chicago, Illinois, where they settled near her family home on 69th and Vernon, a sanctuary of warmth and hospitality, where the doors were always open, the aroma of home-cooked meals filled the air, and the sounds of blues music-Johnny Taylor, B.B. King, Etta James, and Bobby Bland-created a backdrop for countless cherished memories; and

WHEREAS, Annie Pearl Howard’s legacy is defined by her role as a matriarch, not only to her own children and grandchildren, but to an entire community finding solace in her nurturing spirit, wisdom-filled counsel, and unwavering presence; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Howard’s heart knew no limits-she cared deeply, loved fully, and gave selflessly, whether through a comforting meal, a listening ear, or the firm yet gentle guidance to shape generations; and

WHEREAS, the foundation of Mrs. Howard’s faith and wisdom continued to resonate in the lives of her descendants, instilling in them a profound sense of heritage, dignity, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Howard was preceded in death by her husband, Roosevelt Howard; her cherished son, Johnny Howard; and her beloved grandchildren, Vishon and Ashley; yet her legacy endures through the countless lives she influenced and uplifted; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Howard leaves behind a loving and devoted family, including her brother, Pretic Buchanan, Jr.; her beloved children, Gwendolyn Annette, Yvette, Randy, and Della M. Cyrus; her 18 adoring grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, along with nieces, nephews, extended family, and an entire community enriched by her wisdom, grace, and unwavering love; and

WHEREAS, though Mrs. Howard departed from this world, her presence remains in the laughter of her grandchildren, the unity of family gatherings, the songs that filled her home, and the enduring love that she so generously poured into the world.

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, that we, with full hearts and profound gratitude, honor the life, love, and legacy of Annie Pearl Howard, a woman of unshakable faith, immeasurable strength, and boundless love; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution serves as an enduring tribute to her remarkable life, ensuring that her name, her spirit, and her impact will be forever etched in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Annie Pearl Howard 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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2225
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE MICHAEL SCOTT JR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL,
DONNA MILLER, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE CHICAGO AUTISM NETWORK DURING NATIONAL
AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a complex developmental condition that affects communication, behavior, and social interaction, with millions of individuals and families impacted across the country and within Cook County; and

WHEREAS, April is recognized globally as Autism Awareness Month, and April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day, both of which promote greater understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of individuals on the autism spectrum; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Autism Network is a nonprofit organization based in Cook County, dedicated to ensuring that all individuals on the autism spectrum-especially those from underserved communities-have access to life-changing therapy and resources; and

WHEREAS, since receiving nonprofit status in 2018, the Chicago Autism Network has made significant contributions to families affected by autism through programs such as their monthly free caregiver workshops, a robust online resource hub, and their flagship Therapy Assistance Grant Program, which has distributed over \$370,000 to support autism therapy, evaluations, and related services; and

WHEREAS, the organization’s work prioritizes equity and access, with the majority of grant recipients coming from low-income households and communities of color in Chicago’s South and West Sides; and

WHEREAS, through its annual Autism & Developmental Differences Expo, partnerships with local organizations, and public education initiatives, the Chicago Autism Network has reached thousands of families, helping them navigate autism care with dignity, compassion, and support; and

WHEREAS, the organization’s efforts directly align with Cook County’s commitment to advancing health equity, supporting families, and empowering underserved populations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize April as National Autism Awareness Month and commend the Chicago Autism Network for its unwavering dedication to improving the lives of individuals with autism and their families across Cook County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the Chicago Autism Network in honor of their outstanding service and advocacy.

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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2300
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ACKNOWLEDGING APRIL AS SECOND CHANCE MONTH

WHEREAS, beginning in 2017, research institutions, community organizations, local and federal government agencies have recognized April as Second Chance Month; and

WHEREAS, Second Chance Month is a time to raise awareness about the challenges faced by individuals returning home from incarceration and promote second chances for these members of our community who have paid their debt to society; and

WHEREAS, the United States has one of the highest incarceration rates in the world where, despite being less than 5% of the world's population, the U.S. accounts for approximately 20% of the world's prison population; and

WHEREAS, according to the Prison Policy Institute, nearly 2 million people are incarcerated in federal, state and local prisons and jails across the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately 53,000 Illinois residents are incarcerated in prison or jail; and

WHEREAS, stark racial disparities persist in our criminal legal system with Black Americans imprisoned at five times the rate of white Americans; and

WHEREAS, almost 5 million residents in the United States were formally incarcerated in state or federal prisons and at least 79 million people have a criminal record; and

WHEREAS, formally incarcerated individuals face legal and social barriers to attaining employment and fair housing; they experience higher rates of housing and food insecurity, mental, behavioral and physical health issues; and

WHEREAS, the time individuals are returning home from jail or prison, often referred to as the reentry period, is a critical time where both risk factors and protective factors impact outcomes for returning residents who can benefit from support as they navigate the challenges associated with reentry; and

WHEREAS, access to services including employment support, housing, health services and legal aid can contribute to successful reentry and effectively reduce rates of recidivism; and

WHEREAS, policies and investments that support individuals in the reentry period can help improve outcomes for individuals, their communities, and help address the impacts of mass incarceration that disproportionately affect Black and Brown communities; and

WHEREAS, people who were formally incarcerated play a critical role in their families and communities and possess insight that allows them to become leaders and change-makers who help break cycles of incarceration for others and build safer, more resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Justice Advisory Council (JAC), under the auspices of Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, leads Cook County's reentry policy development and programming including Cook County Reconnect, which provides rental assistance and services to individuals returning from incarceration to Cook County communities; and

WHEREAS, the JAC and the Bureau of Economic Development support the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership's reentry program, the Road Home, which provides comprehensive reentry support beginning pre-release, focusing on addressing barriers to employment for returning residents; and

WHEREAS, Cook County remembers the late Cook County Commissioner Dennis Deer, who was a steadfast advocate for second chances and providing reentry services and who, alongside Congressman Danny K. Davis, helped champion the passage of the federal Second Chance Act in 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than 5.2 million residents of Cook County, does hereby take this opportunity to acknowledge Second Chance Month, observed throughout April 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cook County Board of Commissioners and County Government will join partners in 1) promoting awareness of discrimination and legal barriers faced by returning residents and those with criminal records, and 2) striving towards eliminating barriers to successful reentry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be shared during the official proceedings of this Honorable Body in recognition of Second Chance Month.

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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-1820
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL,
JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR,
TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL AS LITTLE PALESTINE DAY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, April is National Arab American Heritage Month, which celebrates the history, culture, and people and the many contributions Arab Americans have made to our country; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Arab families who migrated to southwest Cook County in the early 20th century, seeking a better life and the opportunity to build a supportive community; these families have contributed to the rich cultural landscape of Little Palestine, transforming it into a beacon of hope and resilience; and

WHEREAS, Little Palestine, located in the southwest region of Cook County, is home to the largest Palestinian community in the nation and the 4th largest Arab American population in the country, spanning a five-mile stretch from 79th and Harlem Avenue in Bridgeview to Harlem Avenue and College Drive in Palos Heights; and

WHEREAS, Little Palestine features over 200 Arab-owned businesses and community-serving institutions, including a community college, a hospital, three high schools, and over 20 organizations and institutions; and

WHEREAS, historic disinvestment in the Arab American community, coupled with being targeted for discrimination and hate crimes, threatens the sustainability and growth of this area, with over 70% of Arab-owned businesses in Little Palestine having under 10 employees and driving the economy in this region; and

WHEREAS, there has historically been no means to distinguish Arab American populations, economic activity, health, or any other indicators of Arab Americans on data registers at local, state, or national levels, recent efforts to include Arab Americans in data counts, achieved through decades of mobilization within Arab American communities, remain limited and often specific to certain locales. These omissions hinder the ability to document critical issues such as displacement and the impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Arab American Business and Professional Association, along with a coalition of organizations, is advocating for the official recognition of Little Palestine Day on the 7th day of April each calendar year, to help build cultural awareness, increase tourism, and boost economic vitality in this region; and

WHEREAS, the heart and soul of this community lie in its people, individuals who embody ambitions, creativity, and aspirations that surpass the ordinary; their contributions continue to reshape the narrative of the area, making it a testament to hope, resilience, and cultural pride.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in conjunction with Arab American Heritage month, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners proudly proclaim April 7th as Little Palestine Day in Cook County and that each year it shall serve as a celebration of the community's rich heritage, promote solidarity among residents, and encourage support for local businesses and cultural initiatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to relevant local officials, community organizations, and media outlets to raise awareness and foster a greater understanding of the significance of Little Palestine within the broader context of cultural diversity in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a formal event be organized annually on the 7th day of April to commemorate Little Palestine Day, showcasing the cultural contributions of the Arab American community and fostering engagement with the wider community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that local schools and educational institutions be encouraged to incorporate lessons about the history and contributions of the Arab American community into their curricula, promoting inclusivity and understanding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding and resources be sought to support initiatives aimed at revitalizing the economic landscape of Little Palestine, ensuring sustainable growth and development for future generations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that his text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to Rush Darwish, President of the Arab American Business and Professional Association 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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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**25-2413
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, ALMA E. ANAYA,
SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY,
DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, DONNA MILLER, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON,
SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR. , TARA S. STAMPS AND**

MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**HONORING ANTHONY JOEL QUEZADA FOR HIS SERVICE AS COMMISSIONER OF
COOK COUNTY'S EIGHTH DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Anthony Joel Quezada was elected commissioner of Cook County's 8th district in 2022 and has proudly represented over 300,000 residents across Logan Square, Avondale, Humboldt Park, Irving Park, Hermosa, Belmont Cragin, Portage Park, and Dunning; and

WHEREAS, Anthony was the youngest and the first openly gay Latino commissioner to be elected to the Board of Commissioners at 26 years old; and

WHEREAS, Anthony is the first commissioner of Costa Rican descent to serve on the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Anthony is the proud son of immigrant parents from Mexico and Costa Rica, and is a lifelong Chicagoan who was raised on Chicago's northwest side in Logan Square; and he is a proud alumnus of the Chicago Public Schools system, having attended Goethe Elementary and Lane Tech High School; and

WHEREAS, Anthony has been a fierce champion for economic justice and workers' rights; as vice chair of the Labor Committee, he has had the honor of convening regularly with workers' centers to hear directly from workers about the challenges they face, he has joined picket lines to demonstrate solidarity with all workers of Cook County, and he was the chief co-sponsor of Cook County's Paid Leave ordinance to expand workers' benefits; and

WHEREAS, Anthony has worked to address social, racial, and economic disparities caused by generational disinvestment and poverty across low-income, working-class, and immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, Anthony introduced amendments to the Cook County annual budget to fund dental health services at the Belmont Cragin Health Center; and

WHEREAS, Anthony secured \$1.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds for infrastructure improvements on Fullerton Avenue; and

WHEREAS, as a commissioner on the Board of Commissioners for the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Anthony has been an energetic advocate for environmental protections, rapidly converting toward renewable energy systems, and has facilitated more engagement and access for community members to the Forest Preserve system, the Chicago Botanic Garden, and the Brookfield Zoo Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Anthony has worked to protect lifelong residents of the northwest side of Chicago from housing displacement by providing property tax relief to thousands of homeowners, as he and his staff have assisted thousands of residents with property tax appeals and exemption applications; and

WHEREAS, as the child of immigrant parents, Anthony has worked to protect immigrant communities in Cook County by expanding the scope of the Cook County Public Defender to represent undocumented residents of Cook County in immigration court outside of Chicago, and called on President Biden to provide work authorization to undocumented immigrants; and

WHEREAS, on April 7th, 2025, Anthony Joel Quezada will serve his last day as Cook County Commissioner of the 8th District before he transitions into serving the city of Chicago as the next Alderman of the 35th Ward.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate and honor Anthony Joel Quezada for his distinguished public service and commitment to the people of the 8th District and Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Anthony Joel Quezada.

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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2409
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

NATIONAL REBUILDING DAY 2025

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago, a volunteer organization preserving and revitalizing low-income homes and communities, repaired its first home in suburban Cook County in 1992, and has since rehabilitated nearly 1,900 homes, as well as assisted in the development of essential community centers and gardens; and

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago is an affiliate of Rebuilding Together, a national nonprofit organization, which sponsors National Rebuilding Day across the country on the last Saturday in April; and

WHEREAS, every year Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago selects two neighborhoods in Cook County in which to provide home repair for elderly, disabled or low-income individuals; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,000 volunteers annually, including Cook County employees, donate their time and talents to plan and complete hundreds of free home repairs for residents in Cook County through Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago's volunteer teams; and

WHEREAS, repairs typically focus on keeping homeowners "warm, safe and dry" and also improve access for low-income seniors, veterans and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, this year, Rebuilding Together services will be rendered for homes in Maywood; and

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago is an example of Cook County and other local governments working in partnership with private entities to assist residents and communities in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize and express Cook County's sincere gratitude to Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago and its participating partners, as we work together to restore homes to a warm, safe, and dry condition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that various departments, including but not limited to the Bureau of Economic Development, Bureau of Administration and the Bureau of Asset Management continue to work annually with Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago to determine project scope for the Cook County sponsored projects and coordinate volunteers annually for National Rebuilding Day activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bureau of Economic Development, Bureau of Administration and Bureau of Asset Management be recognized for their ongoing efforts in determining Cook County's annual project scope and determining repairs that will be conducted by Cook County employee volunteers for National Rebuilding Day activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago in acknowledgment of its past accomplishments and to a successful upcoming year.

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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K.

Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2407
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

WHEREAS, in 1874, the first section of the Garibaldi Street Primary School was erected at 27th & Garibaldi Street, now known as Shields Avenue. Two additions were later built in 1897 and 1927, and

WHEREAS, in 1875, the Board of Education renamed the Garibaldi Street Primary School to Ward School, and in 1908, it was again renamed the James Ward School, and

WHEREAS, the School was named after James Ward who became a member of the Chicago Board of Education and served from 1857 to 1863, and

WHEREAS, James Ward served as the chairman of the committee on School Buildings and Grounds and, as chairman, he was responsible for the planning and supervision of the construction of schools in Chicago, and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2001, ten days shy of leaving office, President Bill Clinton made a stop at James Ward school to celebrate the increase in standardized test scores over the last eight years, symbolizing his commitment to federal funding for improving public education, and

WHEREAS, the James Ward School now serves 515 students, in classes Pre-K through 8th grade, and

WHEREAS, the James Ward School community is made up of a variety of ethnic groups contributing to its rich history, and

WHEREAS, James Ward School believes that all children are entitled to the best possible education and as a multicultural school, James Ward respects and embraces diversity and cultural understanding through foreign language education, and

WHEREAS, James Ward is a neighborhood school recognized for its World Language (Spanish) Program, and

WHEREAS, 2025 marks the 150th Anniversary Year for James Ward School and a special celebration is planned to commemorate this historic milestone, and

WHEREAS, James Ward today is a thriving, modern educational institution, proud of its diversity but always looking ahead toward improving the lives of its students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to all the students and faculty, past and present, of James Ward School on the joyous occasion of its 150th Anniversary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to James Ward School to commemorate this historic milestone.

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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2408
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

HONORING ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY ON THEIR 80TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, eighty years ago, Roosevelt University was founded by a visionary leader and 62 courageous faculty members who boldly challenged the exclusionary norms of higher education in 1945. Refusing to conform to discriminatory practices based on race, religion and gender, they declared, “We don’t count that way.” Today, Roosevelt’s legacy of inclusion and progress is more vital than ever; and

WHEREAS, 2025 marks Roosevelt’s 80th anniversary. This milestone honors their founders’ trailblazing spirit and celebrates the things that make them uniquely Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt University’s namesakes are President Franklin D. Roosevelt and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt currently serves 4,281 students across four colleges and two campuses in downtown Chicago and suburban Schaumburg: the Chicago College of Performing Arts; the College of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences; the College of Science, Health and Pharmacy; and the Heller College of Business; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt is an active partner in the social, economic and cultural development of the communities it serves, with a designated Hispanic-Serving Institution, as well as a Minority-Serving Institution; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt has nearly 100,000 alumni worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt University serves a diverse student body. 28.6% of students identify as Hispanic or Latino, while 18.4% identify as Black or African American. 53% of undergraduate students are the first in their family to pursue a college degree, and 71% of undergraduate students qualify for a Pell Grant; and

WHEREAS, full-time student enrollment increased 26% from fall 2022 to spring 2025. In fall of 2024, Roosevelt welcomed their largest first-year class in university history - defying national trends of flat enrollment by securing two consecutive years of enrollment growth; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt recently announced their “Roosevelt Pledge,” providing free tuition to new undergraduate Illinois resident students with an annual household income below \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt continues to make a college degree more accessible for historically marginalized populations - preparing students to become socially conscious citizens who are leaders in their professions and their communities; and

WHEREAS, notable alumni include Harold L. Washington, 51st Mayor of Chicago, and Chicago’s first African American Mayor; Dempsey Travis, real estate entrepreneur, activist and author; Bobby L. Rush, former United States Representative for Illinois’ 1st congressional district; Dr. Carla Hayden, 14th Librarian of Congress; and Frank J. Aguilar, Cook County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, investing in Roosevelt students is an investment in Chicago’s communities and families. A college degree can be a pathway to economic mobility - helping break cycles of poverty. Additionally, when one person attains a college degree, it often encourages future generations within that family to do the same. Graduates who return to or remain in their communities then contribute to local economies, improve public health and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt’s student body may continuously be changing; however, their commitment to access has remained constant since 1945; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of President Ali R. Malekzadeh, Ph.D., and Chair of the Board of Trustees J.C. Gonzalez-Mendez should be recognized; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and staff of Roosevelt University should be recognized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Roosevelt University has made an indelible and invaluable impact on the students and communities they serve; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Roosevelt University’s commitment to expanding higher education opportunities should be recognized and honored; 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 Roosevelt University on their 80th anniversary in April 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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2410
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**HONORING SANDRA TOMSCHIN ON RECEIVING THE 16th DISTRICT'S 2025 PEGGY A.
MONTES UNSUNG HEROINE AWARD**

WHEREAS, Sandra Tomschin was born in Texas and moved to Cook County at two years old. She grew up in Pilsen and then moved to Cicero in the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Sandra has lived a life of service her entire life, living by the motto, "If I can help, I will, if I'm not sure, I'll try"; and

WHEREAS, Sandra began her public service in the Chicago Public School system, working in early childhood education, and advocating for the city's most underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, seeing the effect she had on children and families only spurred Sandra's desire to continue to serve. Sandra opened the Town of Cicero Community Center as Deputy Director and developed programming for Cicero's youth; and

WHEREAS, Sandra also serves her community as a current elected Board Member for JS Morton High School District 201, where she fights for funding the arts to ensure students receive a well-balanced education; and

WHEREAS, Sandra does not stop her service with the youth of Cicero. As an advocate for seniors, she has built relationships across the county to ensure she knows where seniors can get the services they need; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Sandra was appointed Administrative Director of the Cicero Public Library. She describes this as her "dream job". Sandra understands the library is a lifeline for many, and she advocates for homeless prevention services, job training programs, community gardens, and increased family-friendly programming; and

WHEREAS, As the first Latina Director of the Library, Sandra wants to show the community that anything is possible, and that you can turn your dreams into reality at the library; and

WHEREAS, for as long as she can remember, Sandra has always wanted to help people. She learned from her mother that you always have time to help. From advocating for early childhood education to bringing awareness to elder services, Sandra is always willing to listen to people and help; and

WHEREAS, her work has helped residents get back on the right track, prevented homelessness, led to personal growth, and brought comfort to those in pain; and

WHEREAS, as a leader in the Town of Cicero, Sandra's willingness to volunteer, help, and assist those in need is unequalled; and

WHEREAS, Sandra is honored and humbled to receive the 16th District's Peggy A. Montes Unsung Heroine Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the work and service of Sandra Tomschin has made an incredible impact on Cook County, the Town of Cicero, and the resident's they serve; 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 Sandra Tomschin in April 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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2401
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, DONNA MILLER,
JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR,
TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RECOGNIZING APRIL 30, 2025, AS *DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS* (CHILDREN'S DAY)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, children have the right to freedom by being able to express themselves, to have opinions, to have access to information, and to participate in decisions that affect their lives; and

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

WHEREAS, this year marks the 25th annual Chicago *Día de los Niño*/ Celebrating Young Americans Parade; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "Children's rights are All Students' Rights" where their guiding principles has always been education- Every Child, Every Dream shaping tomorrows future; and

WHEREAS, in many countries, April 30, 2025, *Día de los Niño* (Children's Day) recognizes the achievements and contributions of children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes Sunday, April 30th, 2025, as *Día de los Niño* (Children's Day).

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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2402
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, DONNA MILLER,
JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR,
TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CONGRATULATING GUNSAULUS SCHOLASTIC ACADEMY (GSA) ON ITS 100TH
ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, Gunsaulus Scholastic Academy (GSA), named after Frank W. Gunsaulus, opened in 1924; and

WHEREAS, GSA is located in Brighton Park near Kedzie and Archer Avenues; and

WHEREAS, Gunsaulus, formerly called Gunsaulus Public School, transformed into a scholastic academy in 1982; and

WHEREAS, GSA is dedicated to fostering a community of passionate, loving, and respectful lifelong learners and leaders who empower themselves as global citizens; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, GSA received the School of Excellence Award honoring the contributions to Chicago Education; and

WHEREAS, as a Scholastic Academy, GSA is a magnet school that offers an enriching experience for students in grades Pre-k-8th; and

WHEREAS, GSA fosters a community school that addresses the academic and family needs of its students socio-emotionally; and

WHEREAS, GSA offers a curricular program that targets students' individual needs and pushes critical thinking; and

WHEREAS, GSA ensures students have access to various enrichment and extra-curricular activities; and

WHEREAS, GSA's enrichment courses include art, library, reading, music, physical education, dance, and computer technology; and

WHEREAS, GSA's athletics program includes sports such as soccer, basketball, volleyball, and running; and

WHEREAS, GSA's before- and after-school programming supports students to explore their passions such as ceramics, band, chorus, student council, and anime; and

WHEREAS, GSA creates an environment that promotes parent engagement and involvement; and

WHEREAS, GSA creates an environment that promotes parent engagement and involvement by encouraging and welcoming parents to volunteer in classrooms and throughout the school; and

WHEREAS, parents are provided with healthy food options weekly through partnership with the Chicago Food Depository, and parent classes in literacy and fitness are provided weekly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the staff, volunteers, and supporters of Gunsaulus Scholastic Academy (GSA) on its 100th Anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Gunsaulus Scholastic Academy (GSA) in honor of its outstanding 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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2403
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, DONNA MILLER,
JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR,
TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND
APRIL 30, 2025, AS "DENIM DAY"**

WHEREAS, April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), over half of women and nearly 1 in 3 men in the U.S. have experienced sexual violence involving physical contact during their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, more than 4 in 5 female rape survivors reported being first raped before age 25, with almost half being first raped as minors; and

WHEREAS, the CDC states that 47% of transgender individuals experience sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) reports that, on average, there are 433,648 victims of rape and sexual assault each year in the United States; and

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

WHEREAS, RAINN states that only 310 out of every 1,000 rapes are reported, only 50 of every 1,000 rapes lead to arrest, and only 25 of every 1,000 lead to conviction in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, RAINN also notes that 7 out of 10 rapes are committed by someone known to the victim, and 82% of sexual assaults by a friend or acquaintance go unreported; and

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

WHEREAS, the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCDSV) reports that 15,000-19,000 individuals with developmental disabilities are raped each year in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, individuals who experience sexual assault are three times more likely to suffer from depression, six times more likely to develop PTSD, thirteen times more prone to alcohol abuse, twenty-six times more likely to abuse drugs, and four times more likely to contemplate suicide; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Denim Day story began in Italy in 1992 when an 18-year-old girl was raped by her 45-year-old driving instructor during her first driving lesson. He took her to a secluded road, forcibly removed her jeans, and assaulted her; and

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

WHEREAS, years later, the Italian Supreme Court overturned that conviction using the "jeans alibi"-the justices argued that because she was wearing tight jeans, she must have assisted the rapist in removing them, thereby implying consent; and

WHEREAS, the next day, women in the Italian Parliament wore jeans to work in solidarity with survivors; and

WHEREAS, the Denim Day campaign became formalized in the United States in 1999, where people wore denim in solidarity with women in the Italian Parliament; and

WHEREAS, since then, wearing jeans or other denim apparel on Denim Day has served as a symbol of protest against erroneous and harmful attitudes towards sexual harassment, abuse, assault, and rape; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes Wednesday, April 30, 2025, as the 26th Annual Denim Day and seizes this opportunity to raise awareness of this issue and advocate for survivors.

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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2404
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, DONNA MILLER,
JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR,
TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**COMMEMORATING MAY 1ST AS INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY, ALSO KNOWN AS
"MAY DAY"**

WHEREAS, every year, May 1st is International Workers' Day, also known as "May Day", which commemorates the historic struggles and gains by the labor movement; and

WHEREAS, May Day's origin came from the Haymarket Affair of 1886, where a violent confrontation took place in Chicago, where workers were striking for an eight-hour workday; and

WHEREAS, an unknown assailant threw a bomb into the crowd at the rally, killing one police officer, and resulting in a violent confrontation which left six officers and several workers dead; and

WHEREAS, labor activists, socialists, and anarchists were blamed for the "incident," and eight men were arrested and wrongfully convicted; and

WHEREAS, out of the eight convicted, four were executed in a grave act of injustice, one was found dead in his cell, and three were pardoned on June 26, 1893, by Illinois Governor John P. Altgeld; and

WHEREAS, each May Day, millions of workers around the world take to the streets to continue the struggle for economic justice and workers' rights; and

WHEREAS, workers are the backbone of every economy, yet millions face significant challenges, including unsafe conditions, exploitation, and inadequate pay; and

WHEREAS, May Day has also become a platform for addressing modern-day issues like gender pay gaps and workplace safety; and

WHEREAS, May Day is often commemorated with parades, rallies, demonstrations, and other events organized by labor unions and worker organizations; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2025, will mark more than 130 years of May Day; and

WHEREAS, May Day commemorates progress and calls for systemic reforms, fair wages, and stronger protections for workers everywhere.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes May 1st as International Workers' Day, also known as May Day, and honors all workers and labor organizations in Cook County and around the globe for their hard work and dedication.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners stands committed to upholding the rights of all workers in 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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent

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

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2358
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

CELEBRATING ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, April is National Arab American Heritage Month, celebrating the history, culture, and achievements of Arab Americans in our country; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have richly diverse backgrounds and faiths, dynamic traditions, cutting edge innovation, and a devotion to community and country; and

WHEREAS, beginning in the 1990s, Arab American heritage was recognized in various states throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Arab America Foundation launched the National Arab American Heritage Month initiative in line with its mission to promote Arab heritage and empower Arab Americans; Educate Americans about the Arab identity and culture, and to connect Arab Americans to each other and to other communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Biden Administration became the first to declare April as National Arab American Heritage Month celebrating their unique heritages, customs, and talents into the tapestry of America; and

WHEREAS, notable Arab Americans include Lebanese-American poet, essayist, and visual artist Etel Adnan, Egyptian American scientist and geologist Farouk El-Baz who worked with NASA in the scientific exploration of the Moon and the planning of the Apollo program; and Dr. Michale DeBakey - the first to successfully repair an abdominal aortic aneurysm, do a coronary bypass operation, and first multiple-organ transplant; and

WHEREAS, according to the Arab American Institute (AAI), an estimated 3.7 million Americans have Arab roots, with ancestries that trace to 22 countries in the Middle East and North Africa to Southwest Asia including Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Palestine, Iraq, Jordan, and Yemen; and

WHEREAS, today Arab Americans live in all 50 states, with large percentage resident in metropolitan areas including New York, Detroit, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 181,139 Arab Americans call Illinois home per AAI; and

WHEREAS, Illinois is the first state to recognize the racial classification of Middle Eastern or North African (MENA) for state data collection purposes; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is committed to celebrating the diversity that makes it a great place to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate the achievements of the Arab American community this month and all year long, we are cognizant of the profound discrimination that the community all too often must face; and

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

WHEREAS, Cook County and the Cook County United Against Hate initiative encourages residents to get to know their neighbors, be welcoming to all, to embrace different cultures; and

WHEREAS, all residents of Cook County and beyond are invited and encouraged to actively learn from those with lived experiences that are different from their own, to question hateful acts when they occur, to learn how to safely interrupt hate, and support efforts towards social justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of Cook County and the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby commemorate April 2025 as Arab American Heritage Month in Cook County; and

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

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: MONICA GORDON, County Clerk

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

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2340
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. MCCASKILL,
DONNA MILLER, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR.,
TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

BARTLETT POLICE CHIEF GEOFFREY PRETKELIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, after proudly serving the Bartlett community for over 28 years, Bartlett Chief of Police Geoffrey Pretkelis has announced his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Chief Pretkelis became Chief in 2022 after serving as deputy chief of support services since January 2017; and

WHEREAS, Chief Pretkelis previously served as a traffic officer, school resource officer, and public services bureau sergeant; and

WHEREAS, as Chief Geoffrey Pretkelis announced his retirement, he also took both the credit and blame for the well-known humor of the Bartlett Police Department's Facebook posts; and

WHEREAS, the Chief noted it was a pleasure to engage humorously with the community using his "love for music, movies, and pop culture"; and

WHEREAS, Chief Pretkelis was recognized by the Village of Bartlett board at the April 1st meeting, with the Chief officially retiring in May.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Chief Geoffrey Pretkelis on his many years of service to Bartlett, and wish him well on his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to Geoffrey Pretkelis as he enjoys every day of his retirement.

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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2348
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. MCCASKILL,
DONNA MILLER, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR.,
TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RECOGNIZING SIKH AWARENESS MONTH APRIL 2025

WHEREAS, Sikhs have been living in the United States for more than 120 years; and

WHEREAS, during the early 20th century thousands of Sikh Americans worked on farms, in lumber mills and mines, and on the Oregon, Pacific & Eastern Railroad; and

WHEREAS, Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world and today, with than 25 million Sikhs worldwide; and

WHEREAS, there is an estimated 500,000 Sikhs in the United States, with more than 25,000 Sikhs in the State of Illinois alone; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions, making rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of the United States including serving as members of the United States Armed Forces and making significant contributions to our great nation in agriculture, information technology, small businesses, the hotel industry, trucking, medicine, legal services and technology; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans distinguish themselves by fostering respect among all people through faith and service; and

WHEREAS, it remains vital that we uplift our local Sikh community members and the important work they do in and around Cook County including Gurmeet Singh Dhalwan - Founder President of Midwest Punjabi Association, Bhia Bhagat Singh Dhalwan - Mentor of Midwest Punjabi Association, Amajreet

Singh - Illinois Sikh Community Center, Paramjeet Kaur - Illinois Sikh Community Center, Jasbir Kaur Maan - Swera, and Jairam Singh Kahlon - Sikh Religious Society; and

WHEREAS, Cook County remains committed to the value of religious diversity and tolerance grounded in a culture of mutual understanding and the diminution of violence; and

WHEREAS, Cook County celebrates the rich diversity of our community and continues to work towards all residents having the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich history and shared experiences of Sikh Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 to be Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month in 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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2356
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY 2025

WHEREAS, the International Transgender Day of Visibility is recognized every year on March 31st to celebrate the joy and resilience of trans and non-binary people everywhere by elevating voices and experiences from these communities; and

WHEREAS, these celebrations, acknowledgements, and remembrances are vital affirmations of the lives of transgender people in our communities as they continue to face extreme institutional discrimination and violence on the basis of their gender identities; and

WHEREAS, according to Trans Legislation Tracker, 2024 was the fifth consecutive record-breaking year for total bills considered following the unprecedented surge in 2023, which more than tripled the record set the year before; and

WHEREAS, according to Trans Legislation Tracker, since 2021 there have been over 2,416 bills introduced nationwide that target and discriminate against transgender people, in particular transgender youth; and

WHEREAS, according to Trans Legislation Tracker, in just 2025 to date, there have been 821 bills, with 42 enacted, being considered nationwide that would negatively impact trans and gender non-conforming people, with that number expected to grow; and

WHEREAS, according to Trans Legislation Tracker, in the span of just two years the federal government has seen an increase from zero anti-trans national bills, to an unprecedented 88 in just 2024; and

WHEREAS, according to Trans Legislation Tracker, there have been 21 anti-trans state bills introduced in Illinois for 2025, nearly a three-fold increase from 2024; and

WHEREAS, in just 2025 alone, there have been 12 Executive Orders signed by President Donald Trump with the express purpose of targeting the Transgender Community's access to gender-affirming healthcare, ability to play sports, ability to serve in the military, and simple ability to live authentically without fear of retribution and/or violence; and

WHEREAS, of the 821 anti-trans bills introduced so far in 2025, 244 have targeted educational settings as they aim to deny students name and pronoun autonomy, forcibly out trans students to their parents, and ban basic gender identity education, among other goals; and

WHEREAS, of the 821 anti-trans bills introduced so far in 2025, 160 have targeted health care as they seek to prohibit gender-affirming care, which is medical care supported by every major medical association, with many seeking to outlaw care for minors and adults while others would impact insurance coverage or access to services; and

WHEREAS, of the 821 anti-trans bills introduced so far in 2025, 105 have targeted K-12 and higher education athletics as they seek to codify sweeping definitions of gender and sex, despite over one third of states having already passed laws banning transgender students from participating in sports consistent with their gender identity; and

WHEREAS, of the 821 anti-trans bills introduced so far in 2025, 47 target access to bathrooms, though nearly a decade after North Carolina's infamous HB2, these bills seek to restrict access to public facilities aligning with one's gender identity; and.

WHEREAS, many of these bills and orders have been introduced with the express intention of creating a nationwide culture of fear and hatred towards the Transgender Community, such as Maryland HB 1399 that calls for life imprisonment for gender-affirming care, stating "A health care practitioner licensed under this

article may not prescribe, dispense, or administer cross-sex hormones...[and] a person that violates this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding life”; and

WHEREAS, some bills, such as West Virginia HR6, seeks to disavow themselves from First Amendment freedom of religion principles and modern scientific understanding of biology as it calls for “Recognizing Transgenderism as a mental disorder and affirming the biological reality of two genders.” and that “There are only two biological sexes, male and female, and these have been the case since the beginning of human history as described in the Bible.”; and

WHEREAS, it should be noted that as these pieces of legislation in the US targets transgender youth they also harm our intersex youth, as lawmakers attach explicit exceptions to these bills allowing for surgeons to operate on intersex children before even the patients themselves can consent, making clear that these bills are about erasing bodily diversity, not protecting anyone; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever our transgender and nonbinary siblings are experiencing significant political attacks by extremists legislating hate in the states, in Congress, and in the White House; and

WHEREAS, despite facing these new and increasingly hostile proposed pieces of legislation, the Transgender community continues to battle what the American Medical Association declared in 2019 as an Epidemic of Violence Against the Transgender Community, especially noting the amplified physical dangers faced by transgender people of color; and

WHEREAS, International Transgender Day of Visibility aims to raise awareness about critical issues facing the community and to celebrate the richness and diversity that exists within the transgender community; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 3.3 million transgender adults across the United States, with Trans, non-binary, and gender-expansive youth and adults found as members of nearly every community; and

WHEREAS, our Trans and non-binary community are parents and family members, our coworkers, our neighbors, and our friends; and

WHEREAS, despite this onslaught of hatred on our Transgender Community, it remains vital that we celebrate and uplift the transgender, non-binary, and gender-nonconforming people who have continued to serve their communities despite the continuous attacks they face, including: Admiral Rachel L. Levine - the first trans presidential appointment as HHS Assistant Secretary, Virginia State Senator Danica Roem - the first openly transgender person to be elected and serve in a state legislature in U.S. history, Delaware Congresswoman Sarah McBride - the first openly transgender Congresswoman in U.S. history, Minneapolis City Council President Andrea Jenkins - the first Black openly transgender woman elected to public office in the United States, Commissioner Precious Brady-Davis - the first black trans woman to be elected to the MWRD, and Cook County Judge Jill Rose Quinn - the first openly transgender circuit court judge in the State of Illinois and the first openly transgender elected official in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the great work of trans-led organizations and individuals who have advanced visibility and the well-being of the transgender community; and

WHEREAS, Cook County continues its commitment to the work of uplifting and protecting transgender, non-binary, and gender-nonconforming people as we continue to work toward enacting equitable policies to uplift marginalized citizens and eliminating violence toward them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby reaffirm its commitment to the transgender and non-binary community and recognizes March 31, 2025, as International Transgender Day of Visibility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cook County continues its dedication to our historic protections enshrining rights to bodily autonomy across Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies be given to local organizations serving the transgender 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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2369
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. MCCASKILL,
DONNA MILLER, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR AND MICHAEL SCOTT JR.,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

PRINCIPALS' APPRECIATION DAY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, May 1, is the day of celebration for Principals across the nation; and

WHEREAS, school principals play a vital role in shaping the educational landscape and fostering an environment conducive to learning and personal development; and

WHEREAS, school principals serve as instructional leaders, ensuring high academic standards, effective teaching practices, and curriculum implementation that meets the diverse needs of students; and

WHEREAS, school principals act as community liaisons, bridging the gap between schools, families, and local organizations to create a collaborative and supportive network for student success; and

WHEREAS, school principals advocate for equity and inclusion, ensuring that all students-regardless of socio-economic status, race, ethnicity, or ability-have access to quality education and necessary resources; and

WHEREAS, school principals foster a positive school culture by promoting student well-being, addressing social-emotional learning, and implementing programs that support mental health and character development; and

WHEREAS, school principals are instrumental in leading change, responding to educational challenges, and adapting to innovations that enhance teaching and learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, school principals empower teachers and staff by providing professional development opportunities, fostering leadership, and creating a culture of collaboration and continuous improvement; and

WHEREAS, school principals engage with policymakers, advocating for policies that improve educational standards, increase funding, and enhance school safety and infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, does hereby honor and celebrate the accomplishments of School Principals and their invaluable contributions to improving the lives of all residents in Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution reaffirms the vital role of school principals in shaping future generations and strengthening communities through education. It also expresses the Board's deep admiration and appreciation for all principals across Cook County for their unwavering dedication to developing the future leaders of our nation. The Board of Commissioners of Cook County hereby recognizes May 1 as the National Day of Recognition for Principals throughout 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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

***25-2383
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. MCCASKILL,
DONNA MILLER, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AS CHANGE AGENTS IN THE COMMUNITIES
THEY SERVE**

WHEREAS, school principals play a vital role in shaping the educational landscape and fostering an environment conducive to learning and personal development; and

WHEREAS, school principals serve as instructional leaders, ensuring high academic standards, effective teaching practices, and curriculum implementation that meets the diverse needs of students; and

WHEREAS, school principals act as community liaisons, bridging the gap between schools, families, and local organizations to create a collaborative and supportive network for student success; and

WHEREAS, school principals advocate for equity and inclusion, ensuring that all students-regardless of socio-economic status, race, ethnicity, or ability-have access to quality education and necessary resources; and

WHEREAS, school principals foster a positive school culture by promoting student well-being, addressing social-emotional learning, and implementing programs that support mental health and character development; and

WHEREAS, school principals are instrumental in leading change, responding to educational challenges, and adapting to innovations that enhance teaching and learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, school principals empower teachers and staff by providing professional development opportunities, fostering leadership, and creating a culture of collaboration and continuous improvement; and

WHEREAS, school principals engage with policymakers, advocating for policies that improve educational standards, increase funding, and enhance school safety and infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, does hereby honor and celebrate the accomplishments of

School Principals and their invaluable contributions to improving the lives of all residents in Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution serves as a reaffirmation of the critical role of school principals in shaping future generations and strengthening communities through education; and that suitable copies of this resolution were presented to:

Diane Asberry, St. Philip Neri Elementary School;
Sheila Blanche-Barlow, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.;
Dennis Bulmer, Douglas Taylor Elementary;
Ronda Butler, Robert A. Black Magnet Elementary School;
Dr. Sharrone Caridine, James N. Thorp Elementary;
Turan C. Crockett, Wendell Elementary School;
Dr. Brenda Demar-Williams, Amelia Earhart School;
Roni Facen, St. Francis De Sales;
Kristin Foster, Calvin Coolidge Elementary School;
Tiffany Gore, Hirsch High School;
Tanesha Hatter, New Schmid Elementary School;
Priscilla Horton, Bowen High School;
Rafael Jimenez, Edward E. Sadlowski Elementary;
Carlepha Kyser, John T. Pirie Fine Arts and Academic Center;
Greg Mason, Woodrow Wilson Elementary School;
Dr. Kyla Mathews, Epic Academy High School;
Dr. Patrice Mccoy, W.C. Reavis Elementary School;
Dr. Charles Mcspadden, Coles Elementary Language Academy;
Dr. Demetrius Mundy, Dixon Elementary School;
Keyonna Payton, Harold Washington Elementary;
Kimberly M. Porter, Fort Dearborn Elementary School;
Dr. Verona Portis, William K. New Sullivan Elementary School;
Dr. Keli Ross, Memorial Jr. High School;
Dr. Shontell Smith, Warren Elementary School;
Dr. Latasha Taylor, Chicago Vocational Career Academy High School;
Kelly Thigpen, Burnside Elementary Scholastic Academy;

Marcus Ware, Cuffe Elementary School;
Dr. Michelle R. Willis, Gillespie Elementary School;
David J. Young, Bouchet Elementary Math & Science;
Takeshi White-James, Avalon Park Fine & Performing Arts School;
Mary Arrigo, Nobel - Baker College Preparatory High School;
Michael Dwayne Hinton, Thomas Hoyne Elementary;
Dr. Jodi Easterling-Hood, Mary E. Mcdowell Elementary School;
Griselda Flores, Jane Addams Elementary School; and
Dr. Kim Morley-Hogan, Lester Crawl Primary School,

as an expression of the Board's admiration and appreciation for your extraordinary commitment to developing the future leaders of our nation.

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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2349
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOSINA MORITA, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. MCCASKILL,
DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR.,
TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL AS LANGUAGE ACCESS MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Cook County is one of the largest and most racially, ethnically, and linguistically diverse counties in the country; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to residents speaking over 100 languages; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government is committed to supporting equitable, inclusive, and accessible government; and

WHEREAS, ensuring equitable access to essential services and information is fundamental to the principles of inclusivity and justice; and

WHEREAS, language barriers can create significant obstacles to residents' ability to access healthcare, legal assistance, social services, public information and other vital resources; and

WHEREAS, promoting language access is crucial for fostering civic engagement, empowering communities, and strengthening the social fabric of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is committed to advancing language access through its policies, programs, and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, being a multicultural and multilingual county contributes to our cultural, social, and economic strength; and

WHEREAS, it is important to learn from, work with, and support community organizations, advocates, and language professionals who contribute to improving language access across Cook County; and

WHEREAS, April is recognized as Language Access Month around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby declare April as Language Access Month in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies be given to local organizations promoting Language Access across 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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2395
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOSINA MORITA, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. MCCASKILL,
DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR.,
TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES**

WHEREAS, fundamental to the success of Equal Employment Opportunity programs is creating and maintaining fair and inclusive workforce practices in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, to promote equitable hiring practices, all Cook County businesses and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to enhance transparency and accountability in employment practices by internally collecting data and undergoing periodic audits of their hiring pools and hiring outcomes to ensure equal employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, equal employment opportunity and affirmative action plan reporting to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) for large businesses and nonprofit organizations provide valuable workforce insights; and

WHEREAS, large and small businesses as well as nonprofit organizations should be encouraged to perform annual audits of the organization's hiring placement and pay practices and assess their outreach and recruitment programs for all members of their workforce; and

WHEREAS, all Cook County businesses and nonprofit organizations can benefit from collecting and assessing recruitment and outreach information, hiring data, and pay practices to ensure compliance with nondiscrimination laws, including but not limited to compliance with the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in addition to annual EEO-1 reporting required by the EEOC, Cook County businesses and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to promote equal employment opportunities across their workforce; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Cook County businesses and nonprofit organizations should consider collecting and assessing recruitment and outreach information, hiring data, and pay practices to ensure compliance with nondiscrimination laws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Cook County businesses and nonprofit organizations should assess the demographic composition of applicants at each hiring stage; the selection rates across protected categories and consider any statistically significant disparities that may indicate potential discriminatory hiring practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Cook County businesses and nonprofit organizations that have found substantial and unjustified disparities in hiring outcomes should implement a corrective action plan to ensure compliance with anti-discrimination laws and ensure fair hiring and wages for their workforce.

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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2396
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOSINA MORITA, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. MCCASKILL,
DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR.,
TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING EVANSTON POLICE CHIEF SCHENITA STEWART NAMED THE ILLINOIS
ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE (ILACP) POLICE CHIEF OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) selected Evanston Police Department Chief Schenita Stewart as the 2025 ILACP Police Chief of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Chief Stewart grew up in the City of Evanston's 5th ward neighborhood with her twin sister Schonella Stewart, who serves as the commander of the Oak Park Police Department, where their lives revolved around their home at 1924 Wesley Ave and other nearby neighborhood locations including the Fleetwood Jourdain Center, Family Focus, and Mt. Zion Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, The Stewart sisters attended Gale School on Howard Street and then attended Evanston Township High School (ETHS); and

WHEREAS, after graduating from ETHS, Chief Stewart earned a bachelor's degree in Criminology from Illinois State University and her Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Chicago State University; and

WHEREAS, Chief Stewart has been in law enforcement for more than 25 years, starting her career as a patrol officer in Lincolnwood in 1999. It was Chief Stewart's grandfather, William Stewart, who first suggested that she apply for a position with the Lincolnwood Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Chief Stewart served on the Lincolnwood Police Force for more than 21 years, eventually being appointed Deputy Chief, a position she held from 1999 to 2021. She was the only Black police officer on the force; and

WHEREAS, Chief Stewart then served as Deputy Chief of the East Dundee Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Chief Stewart made history in October 2022 when she was sworn in as Evanston's first Black female Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, Chief Stewart has received other accolades since accepting the role of Evanston’s police chief, including Instructor of the Year from The College of DuPage and The Suburban Law Enforcement Academy; and

WHEREAS, Chief Stewart is not only the first woman to receive (ILACP) Police Chief of the Year award, she is the first permanent female police chief to lead the Evanston police department; and

WHEREAS, Chief Stewart’s commitment to officer well-being, transparency, and community engagement has “set a new standard in policing; and

WHEREAS, Chief Stewart has not only made the Evanston police department better but has made the entire Evanston community and the 13th District better due to her leadership, dedication, and many talents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby celebrate and honor Evanston Police Chief Schenita Stewart for her transformative, inspiring, and visionary leadership, strengthening collaboration and trust, and excellence among officers and the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy be tendered to Chief Schenita Stewart, the Evanston Police Department and the City of Evanston for her service to the residents of Cook County and in acknowledgement of this honor.

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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

Third Set

**25-2421
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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**THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. MCCASKILL, DONNA MILLER,
JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR.,
TARA S. STAMPS AND MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE WORK AND DEDICATION OF LINDA XÓCHITL TORTOLERO AT
*MUJERES LATINAS EN ACCIÓN (MLEA)***

WHEREAS, Linda Xóchitl Tortolero is a proud Chicagoan and first-generation Mexican American; and

WHEREAS, Linda Xóchitl Tortolero received her High School diploma from the Latin School of Chicago in 1996 and attended la *Fundación Universidad de las Américas Puebla* from 1998-1999; and

WHEREAS, Linda Xóchitl Tortolero holds a B.A. from Brown University and a J.D. from Northwestern Pritzker School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Linda Xóchitl Tortolero developed a passion for her community and helping others, which led her to become a Development Manager for *Mujeres Latinas en Acción (MLEA)* in 2007; and

WHEREAS, MLEA is a bilingual/bicultural agency that empowers Latinas by providing services that reflect their values and culture and advocates on the issues that make a difference in their lives; and

WHEREAS, in MLEA, Linda Xóchitl Tortolero met with funders, led site visits, and made presentations for general and project-specific programming support; and

WHEREAS, Linda Xóchitl Tortolero conducted fundraising efforts for special events and supervised development staff, interns, and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Linda Xóchitl Tortolero has dedicated her career to addressing critical issues like gender-based violence, women's health, and immigration; and

WHEREAS, because of her hard work and dedication, Linda Xóchitl Tortolero became the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of MLEA in 2017; and

WHEREAS, as President and CEO, Linda Xóchitl Tortolero worked closely with the Board of Directors and its committees to establish a strong working relationship and maintain ongoing communications regarding policies and programs; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, MLEA expanded its direct services impact and established itself as a national model and resource center by developing programming to support other Latine gender-based violence programs; and

WHEREAS, Linda Xóchitl Tortolero has supported the development and led the advocacy for *¡Activate!*, a community data-driven strategy for Mujeres' policy work that was pivotal in securing a historic increase of \$12 million for sexual assault and rape crisis centers in the Illinois FY25 budget; and

WHEREAS, Linda Xóchitl Tortolero was actively involved in several initiatives, including being a member of the City of Chicago's Gender Based Violence Implementation Taskforce, the Women's Advisory

Council for the Mayor's Office, the Latine Homelessness Roundtable in Illinois, and the Equal Pay Chicago Steering Committee, among other committees and boards; and

WHEREAS, Linda Xóchitl Tortolero is an astonishing leader and has been recognized and awarded the 2020 Public Service Award from the National Association of Women Lawyers and the inaugural 2020 Chicago Community Trust Fellow award as part of the Leadership Greater Chicago Signature Fellows Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate and honor the hard work and dedication of Linda Xóchitl Tortolero at *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* (MLEA); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Linda Xóchitl Tortolero for her outstanding work and dedication at *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* (MLEA) and wish her the best on her new journey at the Latino Policy Forum.

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 Stamps, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The vote of the yeas and nays being as follows

Yeas: Commissioners Anaya, Britton, Daley, Gainer, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, and Trevor (13)

Nays: None (0)

Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

**25-2412
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DR. KISHA E. MCCASKILL, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON,
JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE,
JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS AND
MAGGIE TREVOR, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE CHaRM CENTER OF SOUTH
SUBURBAN COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, Suburban Cook County encompasses 134 municipalities with a combined population of 2.5 million; and

WHEREAS, Suburban Cook County residents, businesses and public facilities generate approximately three million tons of waste and household hazardous waste (HHW) annually; and

WHEREAS, HHW materials pose serious health and safety concerns and environmental damage; and

WHEREAS, there are no HHW facilities conveniently located for residents of the south suburbs, the closest facilities being over 20 miles away; and

WHEREAS, a joint venture between Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability and South Suburban College developed the Recycling, Composting and Circular Economy Solutions (RCCES) initiative; and

WHEREAS, the RCCES initiative was created to implement reduction, reassembly, remanufacture, repair, reuse, repurpose, and recycle waste; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2023, the RCCES initiative opened the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM). a permanent recycling drop-off facility available to Cook County residents that helps divert millions of pounds of waste and other hard-to-recycle items from regional landfills and water systems; and

WHEREAS, the CHaRM Center helps suburban communities become healthier, safer and more economically viable; and

WHEREAS, the CHaRM Center encourages future partnerships between county government and institutions for the greater benefit of south suburban residents; and

WHEREAS, the CHaRM center commits to increase the waste diversion rate for the south suburban region by 23%, provide education and engagement opportunities to south suburban residents and businesses; and support the next generation of environmental sustainability leaders by 2030.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and members of the Board of Commissioners, do hereby congratulate the CHaRM Center on their great works and honor their commitment to the environment of south suburban communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent record of the proceedings of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the leadership of the CHaRM Center. as a token of our esteem and gratitude.

Approved and adopted this 13th of March 2025

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

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Nays: None (0)

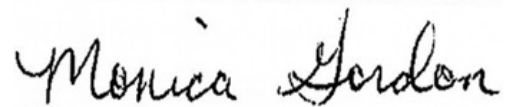
Absent: Commissioner Aguilar, Degnen and Moore (3)

The motion carried and the Resolution was APPROVED and ADOPTED.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Britton, that the meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on May 15, 2025, in accordance with County Board Resolution 25-0986.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.



COUNTY CLERK