

**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL



**Journal of Proceedings**

**Wednesday, July 24, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

**Consent Calendar Meeting**

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

ALMA E. ANAYA  
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**KAREN A. YARBROUGH  
COUNTY CLERK**

Board met pursuant to law and pursuant to Resolution 18-6705.

**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 Karen A. Yarbrough called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Commissioners Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Commissioners Moore and Tobolski (2)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Pursuant to Cook County Code of Ordinances, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon at this time to deliver testimony germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three (3) minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

1. Dr. Terry Mason – Chief Operating Officer, Cook County Department of Public Health
2. George Blakemore – Concerned Citizen
3. Kathy Waldora – Everthrive Illinois
4. Mark Armstrong – Chicago Urban Arts
5. Melinda Fitzgerald – Access Community Health

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**19-4490**

**RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**36TH ANNUAL UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND CHICAGO WALK FOR EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, in 1943, Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute suggested to the presidents of other private black colleges that they pool their monies and make a united appeal to the national conscience; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 25, 1944, the United Negro College Fund (“UNCF”) was incorporated with twenty-seven member colleges as a not-for-profit entity established to assist its member institutions of higher education to raise funds from the public for their mutual support; and

**WHEREAS**, the importance of the United Negro College Fund, and the historically Black colleges and universities it supports, promotes the value of higher education as well as the traditional values of family and heritage that have made this nation great; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past seven decades the UNCF has grown to become the nation’s oldest and most successful African American higher education assistance organization in the country by having raised more than \$4.7 billion and having helped more than 445,000 students not just attend college, but thrive, graduate and become leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, each year UNCF awards more than 10,000 student scholarships worth more than \$100 million and provides financial support to 37 historically Black colleges and universities; and

**WHEREAS**, the UNCF raises funds by means of various events including an annual Walk for Education in various cities of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, each UNCF Walk for Education is a broad-based community fundraising event to support deserving students with the financial assistance needed to reach their goals of going to and through college; and

**WHEREAS**, the 36th Annual UNCF Chicago Walk for Education is being held on Chicago’s beautiful lakefront on September 14, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle is the honorary chair for the 2019 Chicago Walk for Education.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and express Cook County’s support for the 36th Annual UNCF Chicago Walk for Education and commitment to provide assistance and resources to ensure its success; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that under the leadership of the Bureau of Administration, various Cook County departments and agencies will collaborate with UNCF to plan, coordinate, and otherwise support the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual UNCF Chicago Walk for Education; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Bureau of Administration shall be further authorized to utilize County resources, as necessary, to promote, plan and otherwise support the 36th Annual UNCF Chicago Walk for Education; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby acknowledge and commend the UNCF for its continued positive impact throughout the United States and express the County’s sincere appreciation and gratitude for selecting President Preckwinkle as the honorary chair of the 36h Annual UNCF Chicago Walk for Education; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to UNCF in expressing Cook County’s well wishes for a successful 36th Annual UNCF Chicago Walk for Education.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4402  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER,  
BRIDGET DEGREN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY,  
DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**MARY “PEG” SPITALLI, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Mary Spitalli from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary “Peg” Spitalli was the dearly beloved wife of the late Nick Sr.; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary “Peg” Spitalli was the devoted mother of Nick Jr. (Meg), late Patrick, late Margaret, late Joe (Debbie), late Elizabeth (Jim) Wagner, and the late Therese (Ralph) Durso; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary “Peg” Spitalli was the loving grandmother of Wayne, Patrick, Melissa, Anne, Joseph, Lori, Nicholas, Gianna; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary “Peg” Spitalli was the dear sister and aunt to many; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary “Peg” Spitalli touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew her; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew her will attest that Mary “Peg” Spitalli was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her family.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mary “Peg” Spitalli and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Mary “Peg” Spitalli so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4403  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER,  
BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY,  
DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CAROLE SPAINHOUR, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Carole Spainhour (Knapp) from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Carole Spainhour was the dearly beloved wife of Donald; and

**WHEREAS**, Carole Spainhour was the devoted mother of Mary, Lynne (Del) Harnish, Thomas (Kathy), Sharon (John) Lique, Patrick, James (Anita Perry), Dawn (Joe) Bravo and Lee Ann (JR) Reed; and

**WHEREAS**, Carole Spainhour was the loving grandmother of 21 and great grandmother of 36; and

**WHEREAS**, Carole Spainhour was the devoted daughter of the Donn and Margaret Knapp; and

**WHEREAS**, Carole Spainhour was the dear sister of the late Barbara Walczak; and

**WHEREAS**, Carole Spainhour was the fond aunt of many; and

**WHEREAS**, Carole Spainhour touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew her; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew her will attest that Carole Spainhour was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her family.

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Carole Spainhour so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4516  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER,  
BRIDGET DEGREN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY,  
DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
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JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING SISTER ROSEMARY CONNELLY**

**WHEREAS**, Sister Rosemary Connelly, a native of Chicago, is a member of a Religious Sisters of Mercy; and

**WHEREAS**, Sister Rosemary Connelly has been a member of the Sisters of Mercy for 70 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Sister Rosemary Connelly has earned a B.S. in Social Science in 1959, a Master of Arts in Sociology from St. Louis University in 1966, a Master's in Social Work from Loyola University Chicago in 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, Sister Rosemary Connelly has received nine honorary doctorate degrees from the following prestigious educational institutions: University of Notre Dame, St. Mary's College of Notre Dame, Loyola University Chicago, DePaul University, Lewis University, Saint Xavier University, Dominican University, Marquette University and MacMurray University; and

**WHEREAS**, Sister Rosemary Connelly has received countless awards recognizing her work and accepts them on behalf of everyone involved in Misericordia; and

**WHEREAS**, in August of 1969, Sister Rosemary Connelly joined Misericordia, which means "heart of mercy" in Latin, as its Executive Director; and

**WHEREAS**, Sister Rosemary Connelly, a visionary who has devoted 50 years to the Misericordia community, oversees 600 children and adult residents, an outreach program serving more than 140 families, 1,100 employees and volunteers both on and off campus; and

**WHEREAS**, with the help of many benefactors, Misericordia has become one of the nation's leading communities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Sister Rosemary Connelly continues her leadership of Misericordia, she remains steadfast in her commitment to provide opportunities for all those with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live lives that are as fulfilled, meaningful and independent as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, we are grateful for Sister Rosemary Connelly’s seventy years as a member of the Sisters of Mercy and 50 years as Misericordia’s Executive Director.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that the Board does hereby congratulate Sister Rosemary Connelly on the occasion of her celebration, and does hereby offer its appreciation on behalf of a grateful community for her many years of dedication and service; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a ceremonial copy of same be presented to Sister Rosemary Connelly to commemorate this event of Mercy and 50 years as Misericordia’s Executive Director.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4437  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CARY “BUBBA” MCCLAIN**

**WHEREAS**, Cary “Bubba” McClain was called home to be with the Lord on June 28, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Bubba McClain was born on April 19, 1943 in Norwood, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Bubba McClain was one of eight children who accepted Christ at an early age; and

**WHEREAS**, during his childhood, Bubba McClain was known as a caring and charismatic person who was well respected by his peers; and

**WHEREAS**, Bubba McClain completed high school and then entered the United States Army. During this time, he proudly served his country well; and



**WHEREAS**, after his military service, Bubba McClain relocated to Chicago, Illinois to begin his career at the Ford Motor Company. He would go on to lead a successful 37-year career until his retirement in 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, true to his Louisiana roots, Bubba McClain was active in the community as a member of the Second Mount Vernon Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Bubba McClain believed in the value of education and family being married to his longtime love Sandra (Lucas) McClain; and

**WHEREAS**, Bubba McClain’s most significant accomplishment was the special relationship that he held with his children, grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County does hereby mourn the loss of Cary “Bubba” McClain and celebrates his life and many contributions bettering the lives of the citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Cary “Bubba” McClain.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4725  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE SEAN M. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE ORLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT’S 125TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, the year 2019 marks a milestone for the Orland Fire Protection District, celebrating 125 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the earliest record of organized fire protection in the Orland area included a volunteer fire department flag with the year 1894 sewn on as well as a photo of uniformed members standing in front of a two-story building on Beacon Avenue with State Senator John Humphrey; and

**WHEREAS**, this early Volunteer Department consisted of a four-man, hand-pulled pumping engine, a hose cart with 500 feet of hose, and 14 members. They used a wood-frame building on Beacon Avenue, which doubled as a village hall and firehouse, to store their equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1914, Peter J. Pitts was named Fire Marshal. His duties, besides overseeing the volunteers, included cleaning the village water tank for a fee of \$5.00 The Fire Department's budget for the year was \$100.00 The 25-member fire department survived on a small stipend from the village and various fundraisers; and

**WHEREAS**, under the direction of Chief Carl Quigley, the Department purchased its first motorized vehicle, a 1929 Chevrolet chemical engine, from the Prospect Fire Company for \$3,500.00. The new engine, which served both the town and rural areas, came equipped with a front-mount pump, two (2) forty-gallon water tanks, a tank of bicarbonate of soda and small bottles of sulfuric acid; and

**WHEREAS**, Arthur Granat Sr., the seminal figure who would later serve 29 years as Fire Chief, joined the volunteer ranks in 1946. Elected fire chief in 1957, Granat, Sr. led the department as it transitioned from a predominantly rural service to a more suburban-oriented one. In 1969, he was instrumental in forming the Orland Fire Protection District after voters approved a referendum the previous year. Chief Granat became the first full-time employee of the Fire District in 1973 and was later honored with the dedication of the Orland Fire Protection District Training Facility in his name; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert M. Buhs, appointed Fire Chief/Administrator in 1988, oversaw the transition of a small organization to a multi-faceted, modern operation. That year the number of firefighters stood at 26 and the Fire District appropriated \$8.7 million. By the Centennial year in 1994, the numbers jumped to 81 firefighters in six (6) stations with the budget swelling to \$9.9 million; and

**WHEREAS**, under the current direction of Chief Michael Schofield, the Orland Fire Protection District continues to provide innovative and cutting-edge service to the residents and visitors to the area, while also being a regional leader in fire safety and training. The Fire District is a multifunction fire protection and life-safety organization with over 117 sworn personnel and 35 support staff and covers 33 square miles; and

**WHEREAS**, through its community-oriented programs such as the Overdose Prevention and Knox Box Programs, and the generous dedications of used vehicles and equipment to neighboring fire departments, the Orland Fire Protection District provides critical assistance to those in need.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners thank the Orland Fire Protection District for its 125 years of dedicated service to the Orland area and wish them a most enjoyable celebration on July 20, 2019; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of the Honorable Body, and an official copy be tendered to the Orland Fire Protection District in recognition of its 125th Anniversary.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4766  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE ALMA N ANYA AND JOHN P. DALEY, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CONGRATULATING PILSEN NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON ITS 65TH  
ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council* is a not-for-profit community organization based in the Pilsen neighborhood, within the 7th District of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council* has been instrumental in bringing new institutions and capital improvements to the neighborhood from allocation and construction of Harrison Park Field House, West Side Technical Institute, and allocation of \$26 million in city infrastructure funds between 1995-1999; and

**WHEREAS**, *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council* tirelessly serves as a voice in the Pilsen community, advocating for social justice, education reform, healthcare, housing justice, immigration reform and civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council* has worked with businesses, educators, the community, and government to improve the health and wellbeing of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council* organized a fundraising event to celebrate the construction of Benito Juarez High School in 1995 and has been partially supported by Fiesta Del Sol summer event years after that; and

**WHEREAS**, Fiesta del Sol, organized by *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council*, has become the largest festival in the Midwest, bringing live entertainment, local art, a variety of food, carnival rides, a children's area, educational resources for parents and youth, soccer games and much more; and

**WHEREAS**, more recently, Pilsen Neighbors Community Council, through the Guadalupe A. Reyes Fiesta del Sol Scholarship Program, has awarded scholarships to students from the Southwest side of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council* provides a critical voice for the community and the issues of our day.

**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 *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council* on its 65th 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 *Pilsen Neighbors Community Council* in honor of its outstanding achievements.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4765  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE ALMA N ANYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CONGRATULATING UNAM CHICAGO ON ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, *UNAM Chicago*, a satellite campus of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (National Autonomous University of Mexico) promotes a better understanding of the Mexican culture and people in the United States to institutions and individuals through academic programs and services surrounding education and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, *UNAM Chicago* has served the Mexican community since 2004, offering specialty learning, language classes, and recently, professional development in law, medicine, and architecture; and

**WHEREAS**, programs provided by *UNAM Chicago* are open to anyone interested, throughout the year in hopes of promoting an increased understanding of Mexican and Latin American history, art, language, and literature through seminars, panel discussions, workshops, traditional celebrations, and films; and

**WHEREAS**, *UNAM Chicago* hosts workshops for the Spanish-speaking community to help small business owners begin their journey to success, allow workers to gain their food certificate through a one-day course and exam, and prepare those seeking citizenship with a free class and preparation for the citizenship interview; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, *UNAM Chicago* provides programs in Spanish in order to help people wanting to learn professionally in the medical and social work sectors, and those wanting to learn Spanish as a 2nd language, both programs have basic through advanced levels of speaking; and

**WHEREAS**, *UNAM Chicago* also provides programs for those seeking to improve their English and language skills in law, architecture, medical care, and nursing; and

**WHEREAS**, Year after year, *UNAM Chicago* has received funding from IME-Becas because of the work they do to help the Mexican community in education and work environment, these funds allow for *UNAM Chicago* to continue their programs that benefit the Mexican community in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, *UNAM Chicago*'s work for Mexican communities creates an opportunity of crucial value for development in professional fields and cultural education and reinforces the importance of higher education in communities across Cook County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the staff and participants of *UNAM Chicago* on their 15th 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 *UNAM Chicago* in honor of its outstanding achievements.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4800  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by  
THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE JUVENILE TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTER'S  
AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC) provides temporary secure housing for youth from the ages of 12 through 17 years, who are awaiting adjudication of their cases by the Juvenile Division of the Cook County Courts; and

**WHEREAS**, the JTDC also provides care for youth who have been transferred from Juvenile Court jurisdiction to Criminal Court. These youths would otherwise be incarcerated in the county jail, but for their age; and

**WHEREAS**, the JTDC provides the children with a safe, secure and caring environment with programs and structure that enhance personal development and improve opportunities for success upon return to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the JTDC has developed a behavior management system to encourage residents to achieve long and short term goals, and the Ambassador Program is the highest level of this system; and

**WHEREAS**, the JTDC's Ambassador program seeks to enhance residents' confidence, self-worth and leadership potential; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC), upon the recommendation of its Accreditation and Standards Committee, has selected the "Ambassador Program" at the Cook County JTDC to receive this year's NCCHC Program of the Year Award; and

**WHEREAS**, this prestigious award is presented each year to only one facility's program, selected from among the 500 jails, prisons, and juvenile confinement facilities that participate in NCCHC's nationwide accreditation program; and

**WHEREAS**, the award will be presented at a ceremony on Monday, October 14, 2019 at the Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina Hotel in Fort Lauderdale, Florida as part of the opening events of the National Conference on Correctional Health Care.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulates the leadership of the JTDC, its staff and residents who have worked so hard to achieve and maintain NCCHC.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution**

**be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4801  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**RESOLUTION HONORING FIVE GIRL SCOUTS FROM QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS TROOPS  
FOR RECEIVING THEIR GOLD AWARDS**

**WHEREAS**, Nokomis Service Unit #295 is proud to announce that four Girl Scouts in Queen of All Saints (QAS) Ambassador Troop #20067 and one from Troop #23140 have completed their Gold Awards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gold Award is the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn since it requires the design and development of a multifaceted and sustainable community project; and

**WHEREAS**, the girls who have been in Girl Scouts for most of their school years will be heading off to college where they will be utilizing their fine-tuned Gold Award project based skills; and

**WHEREAS**, Shannon Cichanski created chemotherapy care kits by collecting items needed by chemo patients to ease their treatment experience. Shannon delivered the kits to Rush University Hospital; and,

**WHEREAS**, Gabi Finch developed the "Pet Pantry Pals" program that collects pet food donations for Lakeview Food Pantry so families will not have to give up their pets because of the expense involved; and

**WHEREAS**, Kimberly Grabiec started the "Bullet Journal Club" which helped students at her high school create outlines for time management and find more time for activities and personal projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Mia Warren created a program that teaches senior citizens how to use popular technological resources and social media. Her website tutorials will help the seniors stay connected with their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Lizzie Ramirez's "Comfort Carts" provided "brain break" items for special needs students in a suburban elementary school. She also created a "quiet area" where students can refocus before returning to the classroom.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends the work of all five girls for this high achievement of the Girl Scout Gold Award and their leaders for their guidance and support.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4748  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,  
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JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING AUGUST AS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH IN  
COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, communities across the country use the month each year to raise awareness about the important role vaccines play in preventing serious, sometimes deadly, diseases across a lifespan; and

**WHEREAS**, immunization isn't just for kids; to stay protected against serious illnesses like the flu, measles, and pneumonia, adults also need to get vaccinated; and

**WHEREAS**, National Immunization Awareness Month is a great time to promote vaccines and remind family, friends, and coworkers to stay up to date on their shots; and

**WHEREAS**, thanks to vaccines, we can protect young infants against preventable life-threatening diseases such as whooping cough and pregnant women can pass on protection to their newborns by getting vaccinated during the third trimester of their pregnancy; and

**WHEREAS**, whooping cough is just one of several vaccine-preventable diseases that threaten Americans, as outbreaks continue to occur, and many vaccine-preventable diseases remain common; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to saving lives, vaccines provide major cost savings by preventing serious infectious diseases, and prevent us from spending large amounts of money on treating them; and



**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), for every \$1.00 spent on childhood vaccinations, our country saves \$10.10 and vaccines given to children born between 1994-2016 will prevent an estimated 381 million illnesses, 24.5 million hospitalizations, 855,000 deaths, and \$1.65 trillion in total societal costs; and

**WHEREAS**, as the operator of one of the largest Public Health Systems in the country, Cook County Government and our health system bears a large portion of the economic burden of treating preventable diseases, for example the Minnesota outbreak of measles took three (3) months to contain at a cost of \$1.3 million to Hennepin County and the State Department of Health; and

**WHEREAS**, vaccines are safe, effective and the best protection against these diseases, from infancy to early adulthood and into old age, and by getting vaccinated, we not only protect ourselves, we help stop the spread of disease to our children, families and communities; however, for vaccines to be most effective, vaccination rates must remain high; and

**WHEREAS**, unfortunately, continuing disease outbreaks across the United States remain a public health concern, and lack of access to vaccines, combined with people who are not taking full advantage of opportunities to protect themselves, their families, and their communities, leaves people susceptible to preventable diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, two (2) decades ago, measles was declared eliminated in the United States yet in the first five (5) months of this year, the CDC recorded 1,000 cases, more than occurred from 2000 to 2010 combined; and

**WHEREAS**, the explanation for measles' return is simply that fewer Americans are receiving vaccines; since the turn of the century, the share of American children under the age of (2) who go unvaccinated has quadrupled, and a growing number of American parents are refusing vaccines and as a result we are welcoming back a disease that decades ago killed hundreds of people a year and hospitalized close to 50,000; and

**WHEREAS**, part of the problem is a collective forgetting of the devastation caused by diseases such as smallpox and polio that extinguished many lives and disfigured bodies and so we must remain vigilant and continue to educate our residents on the importance of vaccination; and

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body wishes to promote and raise awareness of National Immunization Awareness Month in Cook County.

**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 Immunization Awareness Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in conjunction with National Immunization Awareness Month, that the month of August be hereby declared Immunization Awareness Month in the County of Cook, and encourages everyone to remind their family, friends, and coworkers to stay up to date on their shots; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body in recognition of National Immunization Awareness Month.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4752  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,  
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGREN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,  
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON,  
SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALLAN HOWE**

**WHEREAS**, Allan Howe, a religious leader and peace activist, died at the age of 77 in his home in Evanston, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Allan was born in 1942 to Paul and Dorothy (Powell) Howe. He grew up in Arcadia, California where he was an accomplished student. He was president of his Methodist Church’s young adult fellowship, graduated 5th in his class from Arcadia High School in 1959, and attended Stanford University where he participated in the Wesleyan Foundation and graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1963; and

**WHEREAS**, from an early age, Allan was committed to social justice and peace. He did two (2) years of volunteer service as an alternative to military service, helping youth on the West Side of Chicago. He was active in the civil rights movement and community organizing, such as taking youth to hear Dr. Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech in Washington, D.C.; and helping the oppressed register to vote in Mississippi and on the near west side of Chicago. He met and worked with many young Christians at the West Side Christian Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, Allan married Jeanne Casner on December 25, 1965. They moved to Elkhart, Indiana in 1966 where he attended the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. After graduating with a Master’s Degree

in 1969, they moved to Evanston, Illinois to begin a Doctoral program at Northwestern University's Garrett Theological Seminary. He completed his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D). in Biblical Studies in 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, upon moving to Evanston, Allan and his wife joined Reba Place Fellowship. He provided leadership and aid to others in many capacities: as leader of the Toad Hall household in the early 1970's; as a social worker at Travelers and Immigrants Aid in Union Station, Chicago from 1972 to 1976; as a founding director of the North Suburban Peace Initiative, which led the peace movement and Nuclear Freeze campaign on the North Shore from 1978 to 1988; working for the Illinois Mennonite Conference as a support for Chicago area pastors; as an elected leader of Reba Place Fellowship (RBF) from 2003 to 2009, during which time he founded Plain and Simple Furniture; as Administrator of RPF's Leadership Team from 2009 to 2017; and, for over 20 years, as chairman of the board of the Reba Early Learning Center pre-school; and

**WHEREAS**, Reba Place began as a Fellowship of believers who committed to joining the common treasury and moving into shared housing in the Mennonite tradition of meeting often, asking for grace, admonishing each other, and "hold(ing) all things in common for the sake of those in need." Rapid growth before and during the Vietnam War led to challenges for the community. This led to the formation of the Reba Place Church, a Mennonite congregation that people could join without being a part of the Fellowship. In these years, the Reba Place members continued the Fellowship's day-care center and other programs, while also organizing refugee resettlement efforts and launching projects to serve people with disabilities and experiencing homelessness. They also experienced challenges over women in leadership roles and in trying to become a convincingly interracial congregation. At its 50th anniversary celebration, Allan reflected aloud, "It is a marvel and a miracle that Reba Place has continued as one people." The response was a resounding "Hallelujah!"; and

**WHEREAS**, Alan, through his work at Reba Place and beyond, has touched and improved the lives of many people; and

**WHEREAS**, Allan is survived by his wife, Jeanne; his son Mark (Judy) Howe, their children, Colleen and Lily; his daughter Kathleen (Sarah) Howe, their children, Connor, Isaiah, Adin, Olivia, and Elisa; his daughter-in-law, Danae Howe, her son, Sterling; his brother, Bruce (Donna) Howe; and his sister, Marcia (Ted) Adams. He is preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Dorothy (Powell) Howe, and his son, James Marcus Howe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, commemorates the life of Allan Howe, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of service he gave to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

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

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4751  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,  
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,  
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON,  
SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF MARGARET BLACKSHERE**

**WHEREAS**, Margaret Blackshere was a powerful and historic force in Illinois labor and politics, from her time as the first woman to head the state American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization (AFL-CIO) to her tenure as a member of the Democratic National Committee, and as a delegate to the party's presidential nominating conventions; and

**WHEREAS**, Margaret was raised in North Venice, Illinois by her mother, Frances, and her Aunt Margie. She received her master's degree in education at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (SIUE) and became a kindergarten teacher in nearby Madison. While a student at SIUE, she served as a student trustee. After completing her studies, she was appointed by the governor to continue in the role of trustee. In Madison, she launched the organizing drive that led to the school's teachers becoming affiliated with the Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT); and

**WHEREAS**, Margaret was known as being tough but charming. She went from being a kindergarten teacher to taking on union and political posts while working to modernize the labor movement. She made history as the first woman to lead the Illinois AFL-CIO and helped lead Democrats to victory across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Margaret rose through the ranks of the statewide IFT and in 1993 was elected secretary-treasurer of the state AFL-CIO. Seven (7) years later, following a rare, bitterly contested battle for control, she was elected president of the umbrella organization for labor unions in Illinois. It was a post she held until retiring from the position in 2007. Her union presidency came during a time of change for organized labor as power shifted from private-sector unions to organizations representing public-sector workers; and

**WHEREAS**, Margaret was known for trying to make union leadership more inclusive along racial and gender lines to be more representative of the membership. She brought a higher level of union activity to the Democratic Party, including leading coordinated campaigns among candidates, along with serving on the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and as a convention delegate. She threw her full support and political muscle behind countless Democrats, helping Dan Hynes win election as state comptroller and Barack Obama as President of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Margaret had many accomplishments during her tenure, including winning increases in the state minimum wage and helping land pro-labor individuals on state boards and commissions; and

**WHEREAS**, Margaret's greatest contribution to Illinois' labor movement may have been her capacity to unify diverse groups and build coalitions, both within the Labor movement, and between Labor, small business, and community and faith-based groups. She forged critical alliances with the Illinois Manufacturers Association to create and save manufacturing jobs in our state and with The Transportation for Illinois Coalition, a group of labor and business groups working to secure state and federal funds for Illinois' infrastructure. Within the Labor movement, Margaret worked tirelessly to keep Illinois affiliates united and working together in political and legislative efforts, even when several international unions left the AFL-CIO; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Dick Durban described Margaret as having, "the caring heart of a downstate teacher and the fierce spirit of an advocate fighting for justice in classrooms and workplaces across Illinois"; and

**WHEREAS**, Dan Montgomery, the president of the Illinois Federation of Teachers, the union in which Margaret began her labor advocacy, described her as "A very dynamic person (with) a great sense of humor. She would have to have had a great sense of humor to do the work she did. But she was also tough. She had to be tough to get to the position she got to - trying to mediate the trades and industrial unions, and public sector unions; taking on tough issues in Illinois politics, finances, and human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Barbara Flynn Currie, a close friend and associate, described Margaret as "down to earth, ... a real person." She enjoyed baseball and other hobbies. At the same time, as the first woman president of the ALF-CIO, she created a seat at the table for female workers and always fought for their best interests. Her passing is the end of a very important era in Illinois labor history; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to her labor and political work, Margaret served on boards, councils, and coalitions that included the United Way of Illinois, American Red Cross in Illinois, Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, the Illinois Women's Institute for Leadership and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Advisory Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Margaret is survived by two (2) sons, Michael (Catherine) and Thomas (Zoe); her sister, Patricia (the late Leroy) Smith; and four (4) grandchildren, Michael, Alex, Quinn, and Raquel Blackshere.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the life of Margaret Blackshere, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of service she gave to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

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

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4815  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF LYNDA MARIE DELAFORGUE**

**WHEREAS**, Lynda Marie DeLaforge was born on February 18, 1958 to James DeLaforge and June Kaczur-Tate; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynda was raised in Franklin Park, Illinois and was a Cook County resident and social justice activist who selflessly made extraordinary contributions to improve the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynda graduated from Rockford University in 1980, where she majored in theater and was active in local community productions as an actress and costume designer; and

**WHEREAS**, looking for part-time work, Lynda took a fundraising job for the Illinois Public Action Council (IPAC), an activist group that relied on door-to-door canvassers to recruit members and donations; and

**WHEREAS**, with hard work and a great charisma, she soon became IPAC's Rockford office manager and helped organize a voter registration drive leading up to the 1984 election; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1985, Lynda married Hans Hintzen and settled in Chicago's Edgewater neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, their daughter Katy DeLaforge was born in 1987, and their son Jordan DeLaforge was born in 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynda became IPAC's statewide canvass manager and helped set up canvass operations in other states; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to her canvass manager duties, Lynda increased IPAC's role around health policy and consumer protection; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynda was also involved in various progressive political campaigns, among them: Paul Simon to the United States Senate, re-elect Mayor Harold Washington, and Jan Schakowsky to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1997, after IPAC's shut down, Lynda became the associate director of Citizen Action/Illinois where she brought her expertise and lead the finances and supervised staff; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynda was a regular presence at Chicago City Hall Council and Cook County Board meetings as an advocate on policies for the well-being of all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, while at Citizen Action/Illinois, she was involved in the progressive political campaigns of Barack Obama for Senator in 2004, JB Pritzker for Governor of Illinois, and Sean Casten for United States Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynda's work for progressive policies was demonstrated in her advocacy to regulate predatory payday loans, ensure food safety, oppose Social Security privatization, support equal marriage, and ensure the rights of consumers to affordable energy and health insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynda Marie DeLaforge passed away on January 12, 2019 at her home in Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynda is survived by her daughter, son, mother, sister, life partner Brian Reizfeld, extended family and friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Lynda Marie DeLaforge and honor the life and memory of this outstanding Cook County resident.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

19-4805

**RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER,  
BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY,  
DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CARMEN “CARMIE” BERTUCCI, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Carmen “Carmie” Bertucci from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen Bertucci was the loving and adored husband of Josephine (nee Dongarra); and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen Bertucci was the amazing father of Carmen, Anthony (Caryn), and Paulie (Lindsey); and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen Bertucci was the fond grandfather of Sophia, Luciana, and Rocco; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen Bertucci was the beloved son of the late Nick and Marie Bertucci; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen Bertucci was the dear brother of Bruno (Gael), Bob (Marianela), and Ava Marie (the late Jim) Lindahl; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen Bertucci was a dear brother-in-law of Jimmy (Janet) Dongarra; and

**WHEREAS**, Carmen Bertucci was a member of the Old Neighborhood Italian American Club, San Rocco Society, and Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radis Artist (SAG-AFTRA); and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that Carmen “Carmie” Bertucci was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family.

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



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Carmen “Carmie” Bertucci, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4803  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING MRS. MILDRED AUSTIN KENERSON 100TH BIRTHDAY**

**WHEREAS**, on April 27, 2019, 175 friends and family from across the United States gathered to celebrate Mrs. Mildred Austin Kenerson 100th Birthday at the historic Parkway Ballroom; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Mildred Austin Kenerson, affectionately known as “Red”, was born in Braxton (Simpson, County), Mississippi on April 29, 1919 to the late Eddie and Idella Harper Perkins; and

**WHEREAS**, she was educated in the Rosenwald School for Negro Children and the historic Piney Woods Country Life School founded by Dr. Laurence C. Jones in 1909; and

**WHEREAS**, while attending Jackson State College (University), she obtained her Teaching Certificate to educate the students in segregated Simpson County; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Mildred Kenerson is a woman of great faith who loves her “Home” Church, St. John Baptist Church in Braxton, Mississippi, which was founded in 1865 by her grandparents and other families from the community. Her only living sibling, Billy Ray Perkins currently serves as a Deacon and Trustee; and

**WHEREAS**, seeking opportunities in the North, Mrs. Mildred Kenerson relocated to Troy, New York in 1943 where she worked at an Ammunition Plant during World War II. She was a faithful member of Bethel Methodist Church and the Troy, New York Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); and

**WHEREAS**, in 1948 she married the late Rowland Austin and had two (2) children, Rowland Austin of Matteson, Illinois and Carolyn Austin of Orlando, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Mildred Kenerson has been a resident of Chicago's Westside since 1958. She was a member of the New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church founded by the late Rev. D. B. Bishop where she was active with the Ministers and Deacon's Wives. She later fellow shipped with her sister Mary Lee at Holy Starlight Baptist Church, founded by the late Rev. C. H. Porter, who baptized both of her children; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1963, she married the late John Dubois Kenerson, President of the Standard Burial Insurance Company, founded in 1952 and located on West Madison Street. She joined him at the Greater New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church pastored by the late Rev. Claude Clayton. Together with her sisters and close friends, they were members of the Universal Charity Club, which provided community service to families in need. She is a member of Holy Starlight Missionary Baptist Church where Rev. Royal Simmons, serves as Senior Pastor; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Mildred Kenerson was an employee of the Chicago Public Schools. From 1969-1999 she worked at the Daniel Webster Elementary School on Arthington Street as a Cadre performing various positions including teaching and reading. Faculty and parents fondly remember her creative Bulletin Boards throughout the school and decorations for the 8th Grade Graduations. Often described as someone who always tries to be kind to others, and one who lives by the Golden Rule in "treating people right". Others describe her as being very humble and grateful for everything you do for her. Those who know her say she is always smiling, has a great sense of humor; one who takes pride in her appearance. Mrs. Kenerson is surrounded and loved by many "Young'uns" which include children of close friends and the friends of Rowland and Carolyn; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Mildred Kenerson enjoys a variety of activities such as baking her infamous "S" cookies and Fruit Cake. During the holidays, she shares her Cranberry Sauce and Apple Sauce with family and friends. Since her Retirement, she enjoys spending hours completing Word Search Puzzles and watching her favorite game shows. She especially enjoys creating hand make Birthday and other special occasion cards, and decorations for various Churches. Her lesson in living is best described in the words of a familiar song: Great is Thy Faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness, Morning by morning new mercies I see, and all I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that President Preckwinkle along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the 5.3 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating Mrs. Mildred Austin Kenerson on for one hundred birthday and wishes her continued health and happiness for years to come; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is shared upon the official proceedings of this honorable body and that an official copy of the same is tendered to Mrs. Mildred Austin Kenerson in honor of this auspicious occasion.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4804  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CONGRATULATING BRITNEY JONES FOR HER EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS**

**WHEREAS**, members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are proud to recognize excellence in academics and sports; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes academics and sports contribute to developing qualities such as respect, collaboration, hard work and dedication in young adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Britney Jones is a graduate of John Marshall Metropolitan High School where she was a starting point guard. She led the school to three (3) City Championship appearances, two (2) City Titles, and one (1) state appearance. She was named to the All City, All Area, and All State teams, the 1,000-point club, and named Chicago Public Schools (CPS) player of the year during her tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, Britney Jones is a graduate of University of Alabama Birmingham where she obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Physical Education. Britney aspires to become a Chicago Police Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2010, Britney continues to play professional basketball, playing in Puerto Rico and in seven countries, Greece, Iceland, Romania, Russia, Belgium, Salvador, and Switzerland; and

**WHEREAS**, Britney Jones is a five-time All Star and two-time Most Valuable Player; and

**WHEREAS**, she averages 31 points per game with including a 52-point game performance; and

**WHEREAS**, while playing for Romania she was named guard of the year and scoring leader. She won three (3) European Championships, two (2) Central American Championships, named Top 10 European Scorer and Assist, Belgian Defensive Player of the Year (2019), Belgian First Team Honors (2019), and El Salvadorian Champion and Leading Scorer/First Team Honors (2019).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on behalf of President Toni Preckwinkle, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, we do hereby congratulate Britney Jones for her stellar career playing overseas and wish her continued success in her future endeavors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be spread across the official text of the proceedings of this honorable body and that suitable copy of the same be presented to Britney Jones in honor of this auspicious occasion.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4749  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by  
THE HONORABLE BILL LOWRY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING SETERIA VENABLE, FOUNDER & CEO OF THE FIBROID FOUNDATION**

**WHEREAS**, Seteria Venable is a patient advocate who was diagnosed with fibroids at the age of 26. After receiving recommendations of a hysterectomy in her 20’s she was prompted to explore other options to manage her fibroid diagnosis. She began a quest for information which led her to establishing The Fibroid Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, after her 2nd of four (4) fibroid surgeries, Seteria Venable turned a personal health challenge into a global movement by launching a nonprofit to raise awareness. She is also the patented inventor of an undergarment that she hopes will transform intimate apparel for all women. A sought-after speaker, she has been featured in print and radio media, and presented at gynecologic conferences; and

**WHEREAS**, Seteria Venable holds a Bachelor of Architecture from Carnegie Mellon University, co-authored a scientific paper for the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology on fibroids; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fibroid Foundation is based in the Washington, D.C. metro area and has grown to well over 21,000 followers in 48 countries. There are currently nine (9) chapters in the United States. The mission initiatives include education, patient-sensitive research, consulting and legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, Seteria Venable, encourages women to ignore the naysayers and follow your passion because she believes there’s a special energy that infuses your passion when you’re fully focused; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Bill Lowry, Cook County Commissioner of the 3rd District, do hereby stand, and salute the life changing work of seteria venable; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to Seteria Venable; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd. District.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4827  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**RECOGNIZING CHICAGO FEx 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Chicago Foreign Exchange' Shortened as FEx celebrated its 10th Year Anniversary at Sub T Lounge, 2011 West North Avenue; on July 20, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the origin of Foreign Exchange was to bring people together from various backgrounds and teach them though dance that they all have common roots; and

**WHEREAS**, FEx was the begun by David Lozano, his partner and main DJ Tyson Sanchez aka "New Life" was the Music Director, together they reached out to worldwide talent giving many notable artists their first exposure to Chicago music scene; and

**WHEREAS**, FEx specialized in playing dance music and hosting artist from all over the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the common denominator was the most of this music worked with Reggae/Dancehall vocals which Dominique Rowland "MC ZULU" would sing in English, Patois, Spanish and Portuguese; and

**WHEREAS**, Resident David "Itzi Naliah" Marques brought a strong graphic design aesthetic to the table ultimately being responsible for the overall look and feel of FEx. DJ Sergio "Mano" Flores helped syndicate the idea of Foreign Exchange throughout the United States via his California, New York, and Texas connections; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Armstrong communicate the same global awareness via his culinary skills. His themed pastries were created, offering a glimpse into the diversity they all brought to the table. The culinary aspects were enhanced by baristas Rebecca Sharp and Kate Zara who interacted with the guest from diverse backgrounds and crafted specialty items fitting their various tastes. In addition, Jose Tapia and Rich Contreas utilized their video marketing skills to cultivate an appreciative audience.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby acknowledge and congratulate Chicago FEx 10th Year Anniversary in wish them continued success in all of their future endeavors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Dominique Rowland in honor of this auspicious occasion.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-4802  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CELEBRATING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF STEVE “SILK” HURLEY**

**WHEREAS**, Steve “Silk” Hurley has amassed a three-decade career as one of the most decorated music producers, remixers, songwriters, and DJs in Chicago music history; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Silk Hurley was born on November 9th, 1962 in Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from Lindblom High School, Steve Silk Hurley enrolled in junior college. He would leave junior college to pursue a full-time career in the music industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Silk Hurley gained a positive reputation early in his career as a well-respected house music DJ for his unique style of mixing; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Silk Hurley used his unique DJ style to release his first single “Music is the Key” which reached #9 on the Billboard charts. This single propelled him as a prominent music producer; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Silk Hurley teamed with vocalist Keith Nunnally to form the group J.M. Silk. The group toured the country performing songs such as “Jack Your Body” which reached #1 on the United Kindom National Chart for two (2) consecutive weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, after creating a string of #1 hits under the RCA Record label, Steve Silk Hurley pioneered a new style of remixing that included replacing the original song with a completely new rhythm track. This creativity has led many to declare Steve Silk Hurley as one of the greatest remixers of all time; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Silk Hurley translated his success as a house music DJ to writing where he wrote songs and collaborated with artists such as Michael Jackson, Prince, CeCe Peniston, Ten City, J-Lo, Madonna, Janet Jackson, Chaka Khan, Liza Minelli, and others. Steve Silk Hurley also contributed to the soundtracks for the movies of “To Wong Foo” and “Love and Basketball”; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Silk Hurley has created many record labels over his career including: Silk Entertainment Records, ID Records, Echotron Records, S&S Records, S&S Chicago Inc.. and DJ World Records. Thanks to his leadership, each music label has achieved both national and international success; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 24 years, Steve Silk Hurley has appeared on the Tom Joyner Morning Show. His “Old Skool, New Skool Remix” can be heard every Tuesday and Thursday on 128 radio stations across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Silk Hurley was elected President and Trustee at National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS) Chicago where he led Grammy in the Schools” program and others that reached underserved youth throughout all of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve Silk Hurley considers his four (4) Grammy nominations to be the pinnacle of his career. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the millions of our county residents, does hereby congratulate Steve “Silk” Hurley on a successful 30-year career in the music industry and his many contributions that have positively impacted the lives of many citizens of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Steve “Silk” Hurley and his family in recognition of this honor.

Approved and adopted this 24th of July 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Sims, that the Resolution**

**be approved. The motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Consent Calendar meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on September 25, 2019, in accordance with County Board Resolution 18-6705.**

**The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.**

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**KAREN A. YARBROUGH**  
County Clerk