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Consent Agenda

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Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, JOHN P. DALEY, BILL LOWRY, TARA S. STAMPS, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING NATIONAL HISPANIC AND LATINX/E HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, National Hispanic and Latinx/e Heritage Month takes place on September 15 to October 15 every year to celebrate the diverse culture, extensive histories of the Latin/e community as well as contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, Public Law 90-48 was passed which celebrated a week of Hispanic and Latinx/e Heritage was under President Lyndon Johnson; and

WHEREAS, with the approval of Public Law 100-402 it was extended to a month in 1988 by President Ronald Reagan and was enacted into law on August 17, 1988; and

WHEREAS, with the independence of the countries of Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador are celebrated on September 15, followed by Mexico on September 16, Chile on September 18 and Belize on September 21; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latinx/e individuals all over the country have made significant contributions to the United States in various forms from generation to generation; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latinx/e Heritage Month is celebrated nationwide through festivals, art shows, community gatherings, conferences, etc; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latinx/e individuals of every generation have made immense contributions through their courageous service in the United States Military, the arts, education, mathematics, science, literature, technology, and philanthropy in this county and the world; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latinx/e Heritage Month allows individuals to share their culture with the rest of the world as well as learn from one another; and

WHEREAS, the population of Hispanic and Latinx/e has increased over the years with many arriving in large numbers to work different jobs which have helped build this nation; and

WHEREAS, according to the Pew Research Center, about 19% of the population is Hispanic, making it the second largest racial/ethnic group in the United States; and

WHEREAS, programs such as the Bracero Program in 1942 allowed Hispanics/Latinxs/es to migrate

to the United States and work jobs which played an important role in the economy; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latinx/e Heritage Month acknowledges Hispanic leaders who have stayed in the struggle for equal justice to ensure that everyone in this country has an opportunity to thrive and grow; and

WHEREAS, many of the Hispanic/Latinx/e population resides in communities like Little Village, Pilsen, Back of the Yards, Southeast Chicago, Humbolt Park, and continue to live and flourish throughout Cook County. and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinx/e have contributed to historical school desegregation efforts in the United States of America, starting in the 1930's in the State of Texas, that led to efforts in California, that culminated in the impactful decision made in the state California in 1946 in Mendez v. Westminster School District, and Hispanic and Latinx/e, long after the desegregation of schools, have continued to fight for better education, such as the 2001 Hunger Strike in the Little Village community to have a new high school built; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latinx/e continue to strive and excel in higher education, and continue to endeavor for the acceptance of immigrant students in institutions of higher learning, and continue to strive for equal treatment by the Federal Government on education financing; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latinx/e have contributed to Cook County's social, political and economic development for over one hundred years and Hispanic and Latinx/e contributions began centuries ago when they resided in the most western part of the country before it was annexed by the United States and treaties were broken. Then at the turn of the century millions of Mexicans came to the United States to work in agriculture under the Federal Bracero Program; and

WHEREAS, the population numbers of Hispanics and Latinx/e in Cook County greatly expanded during World War I and World War II when Puerto Rican and Mexican immigrants began arriving in large numbers to work in the steel mills, stockyards and packinghouses and helped to build Cook County into an industrial powerhouse; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinx/e have made considerable strides in the electoral arena, and continue to be a growing force shaping the local and national discourse that have led to growing numbers in leadership at all levels; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic and Latinx/e leaders in all levels of government have continued to shape the dialogue concerning the state and future for all Hispanics and Latinx/e individuals, and continue to make their respective communities proud of their efforts; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinx/e have established vibrant communities in the traditional port of entry communities of Humboldt Park, Little Village, Pilsen, Back of the Yards, Southeast Chicago and continue to live and flourish throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 50,000 Hispanic and Latinx/e owned businesses across Cook County and this entrepreneurial vibrancy has helped revitalize numerous communities in Chicago and

suburban communities; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's economy has always been a magnet for immigrant laborers from all over the world and immigrants from Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America and South America in particular and Cook County continues to welcome and value the contributions of immigrants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby continue to celebrate September 15th through October 15th as Hispanic and Latinx/e Heritage Month in Cook County, and encourages all Cook County residents to learn about the contributions of this community as well as partake in the many celebrations, festivities and activities in honor of National Hispanic and Latinx/e Heritage Month; and

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

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Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

TRACY BRIDGES, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Tracy Bridges from our midst, and

WHEREAS Tracy Bridges worked for sixteen years at the Cook County Assessor's Office, and

WHEREAS Tracy Bridges worked as a Taxpayer Information Specialist II within the Cook County Assessor's office, and

WHEREAS Tracy Bridges provided excellent customer service to Cook County residents both in person and over the phone, and

WHEREAS Tracy Bridges was a dedicated employee who was always willing to assist others when help was needed, and

WHEREAS Tracy Bridges brought positive energy to the office and will be dearly missed by her colleagues, and

WHEREAS all who know and worked with Tracy Bridges will attest to her strong work ethic, moral character, and sincere interest in public service; and

WHEREAS all who knew her will attest that Tracy Bridges 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 extend its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Tracy Bridges 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 an official copy of same be presented to the family of Tracy Bridges that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[23-5029](#)

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WALLY “WZG” GUSICH, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Wally Gusich from our midst; and

WHEREAS Wally Gusich was the beloved husband of the late Grace nee Jauregui; and

WHEREAS Wally Gusich was the loving father of Mark (Gina Palomino), Greg (Maria) Gusich and the late Cindy Gusich; and

WHEREAS Wally Gusich was the cherished grandfather of Theresa (Vince) Fanelli, Dana (Justin) Stengle, Juliann (Pasquale) Ligato, Gino Gusich, Mark (Chelsea) Gusich and Taylor (Tyler Larson) Gusich; and

WHEREAS Wally Gusich was the adored great-grandfather of Giovanni, Lorenzo, Nica Grace and Giada Marie; and

WHEREAS Wally Gusich was the devoted son of the late Andrew and the late Stephania Gusich; and

WHEREAS Wally Gusich was the dear brother, uncle, cousin, and friend of many; and

WHEREAS Wally Gusich was the 11th Ward Senior Citizen Coordinator where he attended the monthly meetings of several senior clubs throughout the 11th Ward; and

WHEREAS Wally Gusich was a devoted parishioner of St. Jerome’s Parish, and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that Wally Gusich 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 Wally Gusich 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 Wally Gusich, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[23-4956](#)

Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, National Suicide Prevention month takes place on September; and

WHEREAS, World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) was established in 2003 by the International Association for Suicide Prevention in conjunction with the World Health Organization (WHO); and

WHEREAS, suicide is a major public health problem with far-reaching social, emotional and economic consequences; and

WHEREAS, suicides and suicide attempts have a ripple effect that impacts not only individuals but also families, communities, and societies; and

WHEREAS, associated risk factors for suicide can consist of job or financial loss, trauma or abuse, mental and substance use disorders, and barriers to accessing health care; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic worsened the situation by increasing the prevalence of mental health conditions and disrupting essential mental health services; and

WHEREAS, suicide prevention measures include restricting access to means for suicide (e.g. firearms, pesticides, etc.), mental health and alcohol reduction policies, and promoting responsible media reporting on suicide; and

WHEREAS, National Suicide Prevention month serves as a reminder that suicide prevention is a public health priority and urgent action is required to make sure suicide mortality rates are reduced; and

WHEREAS, according to WHO, it is estimated that there are currently more than 700,000 suicides per year worldwide, and we know that each suicide profoundly affects many more people; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center of Disease Control & Prevention, suicide deaths further increased in 2022, rising from 48,183 deaths in 2021 to an estimated 49,449 deaths in 2022, an increase of approximately 2.6%; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2022, the federally mandated crisis number, 988, became available to all landline and cell phone users, providing a single three-digit number to access a network of over 200 local and state-funded crisis centers; and

WHEREAS, “Creating Hope Through Action” is the triennial theme for the World Suicide Prevention Day from 2021-2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the month of September as National Suicide Awareness Month.

[23-4957](#)

Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CURIE METROPOLITAN HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, Marie Sklodowska Curie Metropolitan High School (“Curie”) is a public 4-year magnet high school located in the Archer Heights neighborhood on the southwest side of Chicago, Illinois, United States; and

WHEREAS, Curie serves nearly 3,000 students, mostly Latino, Black and Asian and is the third largest high school in Chicago Public School (CPS); and

WHEREAS, the mission of Curie is to offer a rigorous academic curriculum with an emphasis on technology and the art; and

WHEREAS, Curie promotes future success by establishing a culture of college readiness and by encouraging students to enroll in post-secondary institutions; and

WHEREAS, Curie is committed to providing authentic learning experiences that will provide a foundation for life-long learning and preparedness to become leaders in a global society, enabling them to contribute positively and responsibly to their community; and

WHEREAS, teachers at Curie work together to foster a academic culture that addresses the social, emotional, and physical well-being of students; and

WHEREAS, their Bilingual and English as a Second Language (ESL) program provides opportunities for students, families and schools to work together to ensure that children succeed both academically and socially regardless of the language they speak; and

WHEREAS, Curie Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs feature a unique, proven approach to preparing students for college and career success; and

WHEREAS, these programs consist of accounting, architecture, automotive, broadcast, culinary arts, digital media, engineering, teaching, web and game designer; and

WHEREAS, through the arts, Curie students engage with innovative thinkers and leaders to experience the arts both as audience members and as artists; and

WHEREAS, dance, music and visual art teachers at Curie are agents of change, combining academic excellence, personal support and a creative, student-centered vision and students learn that all art forms are interconnected; and

WHEREAS, Curie also fosters support for students who are deaf or hard of hearing to provide an intense curriculum that addresses the unique educational needs of students; and

WHEREAS, Curie offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme to help academically qualified students gain a valuable competitive edge for admission to college; and

WHEREAS, Curie was awarded the Top High School Award in 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor the 50th Anniversary of Curie Metropolitan High School; 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 Curie Metropolitan High School in honor of its outstanding achievements and their 50th anniversary.

[23-4958](#)

Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA and ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RIGOBERTO “RIGO” PADILLA PÉREZ

WHEREAS, Rigoberto “Rigo” Padilla Pérez lived a beautiful life filled with friends and family. Unfortunately, he lost his fight against brain cancer on August 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Rigo was born on February 11, 1988, in Jalisco, Mexico to Rigoberto Padilla Moreno and Juana Perez Muñoz; and

WHEREAS, Rigo grew up in West Town and Gage Park where much of his adolescence was spent at the Erie Neighborhood House which is a local center located in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, since 2009, Rigo had been directly involved in the support of undocumented communities; and

WHEREAS, Rigo attended Noble Street Charter High School where he played soccer, rugby, and cross country; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating, he attended Harold Washington College and the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) where he would eventually become one of the most prominent leaders of the immigrant rights movement in Chicago and across the country; and

WHEREAS, Rigo received both a Master of Art and a Bachelor's Degree in Latin America and Latino Studies (LALS) from UIC; and

WHEREAS, the once shy and introverted young man continued to find his voice at Radio Arte where he became part of a tight-knit community; and

WHEREAS, Rigo was stopped by an officer for a traffic violation and was turned over to Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, Rigo would eventually face his own threat of deportation and fully establish himself as a force in the movement fighting not only for himself but for others facing similar cases across the country; and

WHEREAS, a founding member of the Immigration Youth Justice League (IYJL) (now known as Organized Communities Against Deportations - OCAD) he helped organize against the oppression and marginalization of immigrants and people of color; and

WHEREAS, Rigo was also a national leader for the DREAM Act, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and the expansion of protections and immigration relief for all; and

WHEREAS, Rigo, alongside others inspired an era of students who were undocumented, unapologetic and unafraid; and

WHEREAS, these efforts would also motivate him as a founding member of the Illinois Dream Fund, which provided scholarships and resources to undocumented students striving for higher education; and

WHEREAS, the culmination of Rigo's organizing would eventually land him at Eric Solorio Academy High School where he served as a College and Career Coach and Undocumented Student Support Specialist for 9 years; and

WHEREAS, at Solorio High School, Rigo founded the Dream Team and Solorio Dream Scholarship where one of the most powerful annual events is "Coming Out of the Shadows Day," where undocumented students share their personal stories; and

WHEREAS, Rigo’s new mission became to ensure that students of color would obtain access to high-quality opportunities regardless of their socioeconomic and legal status; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 he was named a Surge Fellow by the Surge Institute, which recognizes young leaders of color.

WHEREAS, Rigo was a revolutionary, and an inspiration, as well as a hero for not only Chicago but for everyone across the country; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby hold in reverence in honor of the historic legacy of Rigoberto “Rigo” Padilla Pérez, as we offer our deepest condolences to his friends, family, and communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Rigoberto “Rigo” Padilla Pérez as an honorable expression of appreciation for his life and work.

[23-5018](#)

Sponsored by: ALMA E. ANAYA and STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, located at 91 street and Brandon Avenue. on the far southeast side of Chicago, was the first Mexican parish established in the city of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, throughout the early 1910s, Mexicans from a variety of regions within México settled in communities throughout Chicago due to the many low-paying jobs available in the steel mills, this area included South Chicago; and

WHEREAS, by July 1923, Chicago’s Cardinal George Mundelein realized the need to establish support for this new immigrant community; and

WHEREAS, the original edifice of our Lady of Guadalupe was an old army barracks transported from Michigan; and

WHEREAS, in October 1924, the first Claretian arrived to staff the new church. Trusting the missionary order, Cardinal Mundelein charged the Claretians to minister to the Spanish-speaking population of the Archdiocese; and

WHEREAS, in 1925, Fr. James Tort, CMF became pastor of the first Spanish-speaking parish in the region; and

WHEREAS, he immediately organized the construction of the current church; and

WHEREAS, today, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church is home to a thriving parish community, which ministers to the Hispanic/Latino Catholics from the neighborhood and non-Hispanic Catholics from a variety of Chicago neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, a shrine of St. Jude is located at this location; and

WHEREAS, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a beacon of hope that provides resources, support systems, and partners up with community organizations, etc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church; 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 Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in honor of its outstanding achievements and their 100th anniversary.

[23-4976](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING PIERRE JOHNSON LEGACY AS A CONTRIBUTOR OF URBAN MUSIC

WHEREAS, Pierre Johnson as born in Chicago on January 28, 1959; and

WHEREAS, he grew up in Henry Horner Homes on the West Side; and

WHEREAS, Pierre Johnson launched his music career in December 1973 as lead vocalist with the soul group, 21st Century, which compared with the Jackson Five in sound and style; and

WHEREAS, the group was brought to the attention of Marvin Smith with the creative staff of Golden Tones Productions Inc.; and

WHEREAS, after an audition for Golden Tones president Reggie Sykes, 21st Century was immediately signed to the record label; and

WHEREAS, 21st Century's first recording session resulted in the Chicago area release of "Remember the Rain," which sold 20,000 copies in its first two weeks and led to a contract for the group with RCA Records; and

WHEREAS, 21st Century made its professional concert debut on Feb. 21, 1975 at the High Chaparral Lounge on the same bill with Billy Preston and performed to raving reviews at the Auditorium Theater; and

WHEREAS, 21st Century appeared during that period at the McVickers Theater in the same bill as the Miracles, the Impressions, Joe Simon, Willie Clayton, Candi Staton and the Soul Train Gang; and

WHEREAS, under the revised name 21st Creation, 21st Century cut its last record as a group with Motown Gordy Label; and

WHEREAS, a solo vocalist discovered for jingle work by WVON radio's Richard Pegue, Pierre Johnson has made numerous jingle appearances on radio and television through Burrell Communications advertising and Repcom Communications for the likes of Proctor & Gamble and most memorably as the rapping voice for the Moo 'N Oink commercial; that ran for 16 years and

WHEREAS, Pierre Johnson has sang the national anthem for the Chicago Bulls and White Sox with his rendition of the National Anthem ("Star Spangled Banner"); and

WHEREAS, he has distinguished himself as a nightclub soloist; and

WHEREAS, Pierre Johnson is frequently sampled and covered and infrequently credited;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Dennis Deer, Cook County Commissioner 2nd District on behalf of President Toni Preckwinkle, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the over five million residents of Cook County, on this date September 21, 2023 do hereby recognize **Pierre Johnson** in life as a legendary contributor to the history and legacy of urban music.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to **Pierre Johnson** and a copy is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

[23-4977](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HIP HOP OLYMPICS OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth NFP and the Cook County Forest Preserve District have agreed to collaborate on organizing and offering Greater Chicagoland's first professionally juried hip-hop sporting event, the Cook County Hip-Hop Olympics, scheduled for 9 a.m.-6 p.m Sat., Oct. 21, 2023, at Camp Shabonna Woods, 15810 S. Torrence Ave., South Holland, IL 60409; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Hip-Hop Olympics will feature individual competitions in all Five Hip-Hop Elements--MC'ing, DJ'ing, Dance, Visual Art, Knowledge--and a Quintathlon competition in all Five Hip-Hop Elements; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Hip-Hop Olympics is open to all ages and offers free admission and competition registration; and

WHEREAS, athletes, or hip-hop athletes, achieving the highest composite/cumulative scores in each of the competitive categories of the Cook County Hip-Hop Olympics will be awarded the silver-struck P-Lee Fresh Medal named by Parker Lee Williams, the iconic renaissance founding father of fully evolved Chicago hip-hop and longtime supervisor of the "Oprah Winfrey Show" and Harpo Productions; and

WHEREAS, sworn judges and other high officials with the organizing committee of the Cook County Hip-Hop Olympics will promulgate and enforce thoroughly worked out rules of honorable hip-hop sporting and decorum based on parliamentary procedure and law; and

WHEREAS, one of the said sworn judges for the Cook County Hip-Hop Olympics will be jazz vocalist, poet, unhoused youth advocate, Chicago hip-hop matriarch and P-Lee Fresh's mother Flora Koppel; and

WHEREAS, Haitian-American Fernwood native and Rolling Out news organization regional executive, brand strategist and correspondent Precise/Eddy Lamarre will emcee the Cook County Hip-Hop Olympics; and

WHEREAS, DJ Marc Cannon of Marc Cannon Studios Inc. and DJ/selectress Kinky P/Patricia Reyes will preside over the beats for the Cook County Hip-Hop Olympics; and

WHEREAS, Fernwood-based Bird's Eye View Productions is media partner for the Cook County Hip-Hop Olympics via Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth NFP's Operation Oscar Michaeux media unit; and

WHEREAS, food trucks and food carts of diverse cuisines will preside on the Visual Art Green of the Cook County Hip-Hop Olympics next the competitive Visual Art installations; and

WHEREAS, whereas the Cook County Hip-Hop Olympic Village will feature tables and giveaways by the Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth NFP, Cook County Forest Preserve District, Roseland Ceasefire, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and Cook County Forest Preserve District cabins to rent; and

WHEREAS, CUFAC and the organizing committee for the Cook County Hip-Hop Olympics are based out of Maple Park subdivision of West Pullman in the 21st Ward represented by Chicago City Council's youngest alderperson and in the 5th District by the newest Cook County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Hip-Hop Olympics combined fun and healthy recreation with a sophisticated civics lesson for competitors and spectators of all ages; Therefore

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Cook County Commissioner Dennis Deer recognize the Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth NFP and its allies for their partnership with Cook County and the Cook County Forest Preserve for the establishment of the Cook County Hip Hop Olympics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the founders of the Hip Hop Olympics, and a copy is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

[23-4978](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE LIFE, LEGACY OF DJ DEEON BOYD AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO HIP HOP

WHEREAS, DJ Deeon Boyd joined Ray Barney as a lead creator of the record label Dance Mania.; and

WHEREAS, DJ Deeon Boyd's style has been described as minimal and raunchy, a staple of the ghetto house genre.; and

WHEREAS, he was known for using the Roland TR-909 drum machine as the backbone of his tracks, with the instrumentals "pushed to the breaking point, asked to provide a waterfall of drum sounds."; and

WHEREAS, DJ Deeon Boyd released his debut EP "Funk City" in 1994; and

WHEREAS, he released his most successful work "Freak Like Me" in 1996; and

WHEREAS, he continued releasing a train of house classics including "Bomb 96," "2 B Free," "Wicked," "House-O-Matic," "The Freaks" and "Shake What Ya Mama Gave Ya."; and

WHEREAS, DJ Deeon Boyd is named in the Daft Punk single "Teachers" from their 1997 Homework LP album; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the record label Numbers released four DJ Deeon Boyd tracks on the "Deeon Doez Deeon!" LP; and

WHEREAS, the Numbers label in 2016 released a Lee Walker remix of DJ Deeon Boyd's track "Freak Like Me" featuring Katy B and MNEK released on Defected Records and reaching No. 80 on the UK singles charts; and

WHEREAS, DJ Deeon Boyd also amassed a ghetto tech following.; and

WHEREAS, DJ Deeon Boyd in 2021 released the "Destiny" LP on the Teklife label, with the proceeds going to DJ Rashad's family after Rashad's death in 2014.; and

WHEREAS, DJ Deeon Boyd released the four EPs "Bad Robot," "Glasgow to London," "My CPU" and "Space Age Digital Pimp' over two days starting in May 5, 2023;

WHEREAS, in 2020 DJ Deeon Boyd suffered a number of physical and financial setbacks due to the COVID-19 pandemic and unfortunately passed away on July 18, 2023 after several bouts with cancer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Dennis Deer, Cook County Commissioner 2nd District on behalf of President Toni Preckwinkle, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the over five million residents of Cook County, on this date September 21, 2023 do hereby recognize that Cook County celebrates **DJ Deeon Boyd's** life and accomplishments in modern black music and appeals in his memory to the Chicago Federation of Musicians, American Federation of Musicians, local, state and federal governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of **DJ Deeon Boyd**, and a copy is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

[23-4979](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HOPE FOR THE DAY'S NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION & ACTION MONTH RESOLUTION (N.S.P.A.M.P.)

WHEREAS; with September being recognized as "Suicide Awareness Month," the **National Suicide Prevention & Action Month Resolution** was created to raise the visibility of mental health and proactive suicide prevention resources in our community. We also want to start the conversation, destigmatize it, and help connect people with the appropriate support services; and

WHEREAS; According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (A.F.S.P.), suicide is the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages 10 and 34 with more than 48,000 people dying by suicide annually in the United States; and

WHEREAS; According to Hope For The Day (H.F.T.D.), with an average of 132 suicides completed daily and each one directly impacting 100 additional people, including friends, service members, family, social media connections, and neighbors we can safely assume everyone has been impacted by suicide;

WHEREAS; Cook County Government publicly places its' full support behind those who work in the field of mental health, education, suicide prevention and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS; Global organizations like Hope For The Day and our local mental health partner Cook County Health and Cook County Department of Public Health, serve on the front lines of a war that many refuse to discuss due to stigma; and

WHEREAS; We encourage all residents to take time to understand mental health through education and recognize that we need to take care of our mental health while we take care of each other.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 as National Suicide Prevention & Action Month in Cook County IL

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this resolution be placed in the official records of this honorable body.

[23-5014](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. MYRTIS L. HYMAN

WHEREAS, Myrtis Louise Hyman was born January 13, 1952, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi to Lawrence and Josephine Evans Perry, the fourth of ten children: and

WHEREAS; Myrtis embraced her faith and accepted Christ as her Lord and savior at The Temple of Holiness Church, demonstrating her commitment to a God-fearing life; and

WHEREAS, Myrtis found love when she met Samuel Hyman Sr. a love that endured for 53 years and was a source of great joy and strength in her life; and

WHEREAS, Myrtis Louise Hyman was a devoted mother for her 4 children Gerdlyn, Alexius, Samuel Jr and Nicole; and

WHEREAS, Myrtis was a leader in her community, church and across the city, she spent time volunteering and ministering to others; and

WHEREAS, Myrtis lived by a simple code: pray, believe and help others. She fed the hungry, tended to the sick, and extended a helping hand to people who were in need; and

WHEREAS, Myrtis L. Hyman's physical presence is no longer with us, she shall forever live in our hearts as a woman who loved and served the Lord, who was kind, compassionate, admired and respected by her friends, neighbors and dearly loved by her family.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Cook County Commissioner Dennis Deer, of the 2nd County District along with the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do extend their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family as well as to the many loved ones and friends for the life of

Mrs. Myrtis L. Hyman.

NOW, THEREFORE, 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 **Mrs. Myrtis L. Hyman done this 21st day of September 2023.**

[23-5016](#)

Sponsored by: DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE LIFE, LEGACY OF REGGAE LEGEND ASRAT AEMRO SELASSIE

WHEREAS, Dallol built its profile in professional music by playing venues across across the country and landed its big break when Bob Marley's widow, Rita Marley, invited the band to to play Jamaica on the first anniversary of Bob Marley's death; and

WHEREAS, Dallol linked with Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers; and

WHEREAS, as the backing band for Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers, played on its two most important records--"Conscious Party" in 1988 and "One Bright Day" in 1989, both which won Grammys for best reggae album; and

WHEREAS, Asrat Sellassie was percussionist on both projects, playing bongos, conga, tambourine, cabassa, wood block, keyboards and even adding some background vocals; and

WHEREAS, "Conscious Party" went certified platinum and "One Day" went gold; and

WHEREAS, during the same period, the success of both albums allowed Dallol to tour the world with the Melody Makers; and

WHEREAS, also during the same time, Dallol's band members founded the Wild Hare reggae nightclub across from Wrigley Field in 1986; and

WHEREAS, the Wild Hare provided a venue for new bands to gain visibility and hosted performances by the likes of Rita Marley, Jimmy Cliff, Toots and the Maytals and Shabba Ranks; and

WHEREAS, as backing band for Ziggy Marley, Dallol shared stadiums with Bruce Springsteen, Guns N Roses and INXS while appearing in all parts of Europe, the United States, Canada, Africa and Australia; and

WHEREAS, Asrat Sellassie was known for maintaining a claim and reserved presence and demeanor while managing world tours, a thriving club and family; and

WHEREAS, he was also known as a graceful keyboardist; and

WHEREAS, Asrat Sellassie also featured on vocals and drums/percussion with his other band Gizzae; and

WHEREAS, while primarily staying with her mother in Madison, Wis., Asrat Sellassie's daughter

Emayu Edari-Sellassie grew up in the reggae community that Wild Hare nurtured; and

WHEREASs, the Wrigleyville location for Wild Hare closed in 2011, and Asrat Sellassie and his Sollol bandmate Ruphael Woldemariam and two other Dollol band members reopened the club in Lincoln Park the following year; and

WHEREAS, Asrat Sellassie died peacefully in his sleep at his Chicago home on Feb. 23, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Dennis Deer, Cook County Commissioner 2nd District on behalf of President Toni Preckwinkle, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the over five million residents of Cook County, on this date September 21, 2023 do hereby recognized that the Cook County celebrates **Asrat Aemro Sellassie's** life and accomplishments in reggae and that black music genre and the magnanimous legacy he leaves for the reggae community in Cook County the Greater Chicagoland and around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of **Asrat Aemro Sellassie**, and a copy is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body

[23-5000](#)

Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING REV. PATTI NAKAI ON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Rev. Patti Nakai will retire from The Buddhist Temple of Chicago on October 1, 2023 after 28 years of dedicated service as Associate Minister and Resident Minister; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Patti Nakai is a third-generation Japanese American woman born in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Patti Nakai earned her undergraduate degrees in International Economics and Japanese History and Culture at the University of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, after working in various areas such as banking, Rev. Patti Nakai was encouraged to pursue Buddhist studies and moved to Japan to enroll at Ōtani University in Kyoto, Japan, where she earned an MA in Shin Buddhist Studies; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Patti Nakai has full ordination as a minister and dharma teacher (*kyoshi*) at Higashi Honganji, the head temple of the Otani-ha sub-denomination of Shin Buddhism in Kyoto; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Patti Nakai served as part-time minister at the Higashi Honganji temple in Los Angeles for eight years, after which she returned to Chicago in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Patti Nakai served as Associate Minister at The Buddhist Temple of Chicago for

many years before replacing the retiring Rev. Ashikaga as Resident Minister in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Patti Nakai was featured in the Spring 2013 issue of *Tricycle* magazine and has also contributed to the publication; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Patti Nakai is a frequent speaker and panelist at various conventions in the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Rev. Nakai was one of a handful of Buddhist delegates to meet with the Pope at the Vatican for a Buddhist-Catholic dialogue; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Nakai lives in Skokie, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Nakai is an active leader in Chicago and has been recognized as a women of faith leader by Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Nakai is a cancer survivor; and

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 offer Rev. Patti Nakai congratulations on her retirement; 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 same be tendered to Rev. Patti Nakai.

[23-5001](#)

Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING SUPERDAWG DRIVE-IN ON ITS 75TH YEAR IN BUSINESS

WHEREAS, Maurie and Flaurie Berman, high school sweethearts, created Superdawg in 1948, opening on May 9, 1948; and

WHEREAS, the Superdawg recipe is Maurie and Flaurie's recipe that they developed in the 1940s and is still used today; and

WHEREAS, Maurie and Flaurie Berman's children, co-owners Scott Berman, Miles Berman and Lisa Drucker continue to operate Superdawg Drive-In like how their parents operated it 75 years ago including the menu and switchboard greeting; and

WHEREAS, Superdawg expanded with a second location in suburban Wheeling in 2010 which is managed by Maurie and Flaurie's granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, Superdawg serves hundreds of thousands of “Superdawgs” a year; and

WHEREAS, Superdawg has a warehouse operated in Skokie, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The Berman family have been leaders in Skokie and have given back to the Skokie community; and

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 congratulate Superdawg Drive-In on its 75th year in business; 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 same be tendered to the Berman family.

[23-5002](#)

Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

JEAN E. STERBENC, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Jean transitioned from this life to the next on August 11, 2023 surrounded by family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Jean was a cherished mother to Jeffrey, who works for the Cook County Public Guardian, and the late Joseph; and

WHEREAS, she was an adored grandmother to William, Henry and Katherine; and

WHEREAS, she was a loving twin sister to the late Joan, devoted aunt of Michael and Nancy, dear great-aunt of Sylvan, Sidney and Joseph, and treasured friend of many; and

WHEREAS, she will be missed dearly by friends and family; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby offer our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Jean E. Sterbenc; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Jean E. Sterbenc.

[23-5003](#)

Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE CHERRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND ON ITS 30th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, The Cherry Scholarship Fund was established in 1993 in Evanston after the late Warren W. “Billy” Cherry; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Warren W. “Billy” Cherry Scholarship, named in memory of a much loved and respected Evanston educator, is to perpetuate his acceptance of all people, his commitment to the highest standards of educational excellence and his energetic dedication to enriching the children and institutions of Evanston; and

WHEREAS, The Cherry Scholarship fund has funded over 164 high school graduates since 1993; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, the Warren “Billy” Cherry Scholarship Fund awarded a total of \$80,000 to successful applicants; and

WHEREAS, Since 1993, the Cherry Scholarship Fund has awarded over \$1,000,000 to graduates of Evanston Township High School pursuing associates, bachelors, and graduate degrees in education or in a field that involves working with youth; and

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 congratulate the Cherry Scholarship Fund on its 30th Anniversary; 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 same be tendered to The Cherry Scholarship Fund.

[23-5035](#)

Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING JEANNIE DILGER, 2023 RECIPIENT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

WHEREAS, Jeannie Dilger is the Executive Director of the Palatine Public Library and the 2023 recipient of the Illinois Library Association (ILA) Librarian of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, the Librarian of the Year Award recognizes the distinguished leadership and service in Illinois libraries, and honors the local, statewide, and national impacts these unique institutions have made; and

WHEREAS, Jeannie Dilger is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and earned her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, Jeannie Dilger earned her Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Jeannie Dilger has served as the Palatine Library executive director since 2018; and

WHEREAS, prior to Jeannie Dilger's time at the Palatine Library, she was executive director of the La Grange Public Library for more than nine years; and

WHEREAS, Jeannie Dilger is an active member of the ILA, having served as vice president, president, and past president; and

WHEREAS, Jeannie Dilger has been a catalyst for change, successfully spearheading a referendum and leading a comprehensive renovation project for the Palatine Library's three locations; and

WHEREAS, Jeannie Dilger's impact on libraries extends beyond Illinois as she is an active participant in both the American Librarian Association (ALA) and Public Library Association (PLA) where she has helped transform and train future library leaders; and

WHEREAS, Jeannie Dilger is a dedicated and active member of the communities she serves. She is a Co-Chair of Partners for Our Communities, a member of the Rotary Club of Palatine, and was recently Chair of Women Engaged in Business through the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and

WHEREAS, Jeannie Dilger is a fierce advocate for libraries throughout the state, championing their importance whenever she can.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Cook County Commissioner Scott Britton on behalf of President Toni Preckwinkle and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby congratulate and commend Jeannie Dilger on this impressive and well-deserved achievement of the Illinois Library Association (ILA) Librarian of the Year Award; 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 Jeannie Dilger as a means of conveying our thanks and congratulations for her service to the residents of Cook County.

[23-5036](#)

Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY AMBULATORY TRANSPORT OF A 12-YEAR-OLD

WHEREAS, on Sunday, July 16, 2023, a 12-year-old boy from Northbrook was in need of emergency care; and

WHEREAS, while in excellent care at a suburban hospital, the boy required specialized emergency surgery at a hospital located in Chicago in a finite period of time; and

WHEREAS, with less than 12 hours of notice, Cook County Sheriff's Office Chief of Police Leo Schmitz arranged a precise and express transport between the two hospital facilities to ensure a safe and timely ride with the ambulatory equipment on board; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Sheriff's Office coordinated a multiple-vehicle sirens escort for the ambulance while closing the exits on Jean Baptiste Pointe du Sable Lake Shore Drive in a rolling motorcade; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the quick and extraordinary action by the Cook County Sheriff's Office, the boy is stable and receiving great care; and

WHEREAS, the life of this boy was given a fighting chance because of the urgent and nimble coordination of the Cook County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, through this example, Cook County shows it makes a difference in big ways and small.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Cook County Commissioner Scott Britton, on behalf of Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, does hereby commend, honor, praise, and thank the Cook County Sheriff's Office, under the leadership of Sheriff Tom Dart, for providing escorted ambulatory transport to a young boy traveling for life-saving emergency surgery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby wish the young boy and his family well and that he makes a full and complete recovery;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the Cook County Sheriff's Office and a copy is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.