



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY**  
**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**Second Consent Calendar Agenda**

**Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

**Wednesday, October 8, 2014, 11:00 AM**

**14-5861**

**Sponsored by:** JOHN A. FRITCHEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COOK COUNTY RECOGNIZES OCTOBER 2014 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and a time to discuss and reflect on the negative impact domestic violence has on our world; and

**WHEREAS**, whether directly or indirectly, domestic violence affects every Cook County resident in some way. It's existence harms our communities, weakens the foundation of our society, and hurts those we love most. It is an affront to our basic decency and humanity, and it must end; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a pattern of physical and psychological abuse, threats, intimidation, isolation, or economic coercion used by one person to exert power and control over another person in the context of a dating, familial, or household relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, as reported in the Chicago Sun-Times, domestic battery accounted for almost 45,000 of more than 120,000 domestic disturbance 911 calls to the Chicago Police Department in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, today, as 1 out of every 10 teenagers are physically hurt on purpose by someone they are dating, we seek to once again profoundly change our culture and reject the quiet tolerance of what is fundamentally unacceptable; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly two out of three Americans 15 years of age or older know a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault, and domestic violence homicides claim the lives of three women every day; and

**WHEREAS**, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we acknowledge the progress made in reducing these shameful crimes, embrace the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse, and recognize that more work remains until every individual is able to live free from fear; and

**WHEREAS**, last month, our Nation marked the 20th anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Before this historic law, domestic violence was seen by many as a lesser offense, and women in danger often had nowhere to go. But VAWA marked a turning point, and it slowly transformed the way people think about domestic abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, since VAWA's passage, domestic violence has dropped by almost two-thirds, but despite these strides, there is more to do; and

**WHEREAS**, when women and children are deprived of a loving home, legal protections, or financial independence because they fear for their safety, our community is denied its full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, this month, we recognize the survivors and victims of abuse whose courage inspires us all and we recommit to offering a helping hand to those most in need, and we remind them that they are not alone; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners officially recognizes October 2014 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and call on the Cook County community to join together and speak out against domestic violence, assist victims of these crimes in finding the help and healing they need, and reaffirm our commitment to ending domestic violence in our community.

**14-5863**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, DEBORAH SIMS, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, PETER N. SILVESTRI, ROBERT STEELE and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN MEMORY OF PAULINE STOKES**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called Ms. Pauline Stokes from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Stokes was born on November 11, 1927 in Harvey, Illinois she was one of four children born to the late Theodore and Ophelia Lindley; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Stokes was a graduate of Thornton Township High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Stokes began a long career in retail at Sears Roebuck and Company; and

**WHEREAS**, at an early age she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and joined Wesley United Methodist Church in Harvey, Illinois under the Pastorate of Reverend Dennis M. Oglesby; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 7, 1948, Pauline Stokes was united into holy matrimony to the late John Wesley Stokes, Sr. This union was blessed with five sons and one daughter; John Jr., Paula Henley, Glen, Barry and (Phillip and Dale) who preceded her in death; and

**WHEREAS**, upon retiring from Sears, Ms. Stokes became a stay at home grandmother to her twenty-one grandchildren and a great-grandmother to her fifty-one great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed, gardening and shopping daily; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Ms. Pauline Stokes

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Ms. Pauline Stokes and a copy be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body.

**14-5877**

**Sponsored by:** ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN HONOR OF CRYSTAL TREE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Crystal Tree Golf and Country Club, located at 10700 W. 153rd Street in Orland Park was founded in 1989 in the spirit of Chicago's finest private country clubs with a focus on the spirit of fun, friendship, and camaraderie that the membership continues to enjoy year after year; and

**WHEREAS**, the centerpiece of the club is the immaculately maintained 18-hole Robert Trent Jones, Jr. Signature Golf Course which is a style that works in harmony with nature and has a design philosophy of "great risk/great rewards" which continues to challenge golfers; and

**WHEREAS**, Crystal Tree Golf and Country Club's dramatic 55,000 square foot clubhouse is a two story structure modeled in the style of a French manor and offers first-class facilities including a restaurant, banquet services, tennis program, swimming pool and fitness center; and

**WHEREAS**, despite many country clubs having difficulty maintaining membership, Crystal Tree Golf and Country Club is at an all-time high with 475 members which can be attributed to a number of factors including its first class staff, family-friendly programs and the surrounding community; and

**WHEREAS**, Crystal Tree Golf and Country Club presented a special silver anniversary plaque in honor of the 44 individuals who have been Crystal Tree members for the entire 25 years; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of its 25th Anniversary, Crystal Tree Golf and Country Club unveiled a new award to honor exemplary members of the organization and recognized two long-time members to receive the inaugural award: Mr. Jack Daley, a "founding father" of Crystal Tree who contributed in the development of the golf course and surrounding community, and Mr. Larry Hickey, who has helped 28 Crystal Tree caddies obtain college scholarships; and

**WHEREAS**, Crystal Tree Golf and Country Club has been very successful in preparing its caddies for their young adult lives as well as providing a superior level of service to its players; and

**WHEREAS**, Crystal Tree Golf and Country Club has made a positive impact by consistently maintaining a warm sense of community among its membership over the past 25 years; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Cook County President Toni Preckwinckle, Commissioner Elizabeth “Liz” Doody Gorman and the entire Board of Commissioners commend Crystal Tree Golf and Country Club on its 25th 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 a copy also be tendered to the Crystal Tree Golf and Country Club as a token of our esteem and best wishes on their 25th Anniversary.

**14-5881**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PARK**

**WHEREAS**, on April 8, 1914, by a vote of 88 to 64, the Village of Elmwood Park was incorporated, with the majority of women voting in support and the majority of the men against the vote; and

**WHEREAS**, the first village board included Katherine Phelan, grandmother of future Cook County Board President, Richard Phelan; and

**WHEREAS**, Elmwood Park grew from 1000 residents in the 1920s to over 25,000 today, with churches, schools, parks, a library and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the school district operates five schools, offering quality education from pre-kindergarten through high school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village operates a modern library, recreation and aquatic center, three parks, five playgrounds, a public safety building, two fire stations, water reservoir and pumping station, public works center, senior center and municipal building; and

**WHEREAS**, Elmwood Park boasts an active business community, comprised in most part, of family owned businesses, a Chamber of Commerce, several civic and service organizations and youth athletic leagues; and

**WHEREAS**, since its incorporation, the Village has been under the leadership of thirteen presidents, including Elmer Conti, who served for 32 years, John Cullerton, who served for 13 years, Peter Silvestri, who served for 24 years and is currently led by Angelo “Skip” Saviano; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Elmwood Park has been home to NFL Hall of Famer Ray Nitschke; Chicago Cub Ron Santo; Lee Loughnane, member of the band, Chicago; and many others who have contributed to our county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Elmwood Park enjoys close proximity to the City of Chicago and urban attractions, while offering a friendly, small-town atmosphere.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the Village of Elmwood Park, its administration, staff and residents on their 100th birthday and wish them continued success and prosperity.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared to commemorate this centennial celebration.

**14-5888**

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2900 BLOCK OF SOUTH PARNELL AVENUE BEING DEDICATED IN HONOR OF PETER DESANTO**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the 2900 block of South Parnell Avenue is being dedicated in honor of Peter DeSanto; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter DeSanto was born on April 12, 1919 and is a lifelong resident of the Bridgeport community, having lived on the 2900 block of South Parnell Avenue for over seventy years; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter and his late wife, Nancy, were married on May 25, 1947 and opened a true “mom and pop” store on 29th Street and Parnell Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter DeSanto’s grocery store serviced the neighborhood for over thirty years and was a convenient and friendly alternative to the big chain stores; and

**WHEREAS**, the store always had the highest quality meats and produce and was open six days a week, often with Peter staying after store hours to fill orders for the next day; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter DeSanto allowed many families to purchase on credit without a contract or signature, knowing that they would pay him when they could; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter DeSanto employed local teenagers of struggling families to help stock the shelves and deliver groceries to shut-ins and the elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter DeSanto is the proud father of Tina and Denise and grandfather of twins Peter and John; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter DeSanto served his country bravely in two tours of duty in the United States Army; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter was always willing to help “stay at home” mothers and neighbors with emergencies, repairs, pet issues, plumbing problems, and other neighborhood queries; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter DeSanto is a member of All Saints- St. Anthony Parish, and is equally generous in donating his time, energy, and money to community charities, schools, churches, and causes; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter DeSanto can often be seen walking the neighborhood constantly and continues to do so to this day; and

**WHEREAS**, Peter DeSanto is a man of great character, honesty, integrity, sincerity, and incredible kindness; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its deepest congratulations to Peter DeSanto on this joyous occasion; 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 Peter DeSanto and his family to commemorate this joyous occasion.