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Sponsored by: FRANK J. AGUILAR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING PASO - WEST SUBURBAN ACTION PROJECT ON THEIR 15TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, PASO - West Suburban Action Project was started in Mount Carmel Catholic Church and founded on March 15th, 2009 by Yesenia Sánchez; and

WHEREAS, PASO is located in Melrose Park and it is committed to providing services to the surrounding communities. This includes Bellwood, Berkeley, Northlake, Maywood, Berwyn, Addison, Cicero, Chicago, and many more; and

WHEREAS, many community meetings were held in the Mount Carmel Catholic Church gymnasium where over 400 people gathered on inauguration day. The community decided to unify their voices to fight for Immigrant Rights, Public Safety, and Health Access for Immigrants; and

WHEREAS, a component of these early years was education for undocumented students, and helping make in-state tuition for undocumented students a reality in 2011. Other components included voter registration, citizenship classes, and community organizing; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, PASO along other allied organizations and community members won a state law for undocumented individuals to obtain temporary driver's licenses; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Mony Ruiz joined PASO as its new executive director; and

WHEREAS, PASO's immigration legal clinic, founded in 2016, became a model in the West Suburbs by combining services, organizing and helping hundreds of people naturalize their status; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, PASO marched on to fight for Welcoming spaces for immigrants to live and work, and advocated for Welcoming ordinances and resolutions in Oak Park, River Forest, Forest Park, Berwyn, and Summit; and

WHEREAS, PASO joined other organizations in the state to advocate and win important legislation, including the IL Trust Act, VOICES Act and IL RISE Act; and

WHEREAS, PASO was one of the main organizations who participated in a rally in downtown Chicago to demand the abolition of ICE where 12,000 people were in attendance; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 the new era of PASO began as Marién Casillas Pabellón took the position as the

new executive director; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic inequities were heightened, demanding a new direction for the organization, with a focus on creating leadership in the community. PASO committed to ensure community members can lead the fight to create safer environments in their workplace, have housing security and have access to quality health services; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, PASO helped others get people counted in the Census; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2021, PASO joined housing advocates to get the first Cook County Wide Residential Tenants and Landlords Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, over 30,000 people were engaged in learning and taking action for health access, better housing conditions and workers' rights; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, PASO provided services to 1,537 community members, through the offering of Citizenship courses, ESL classes, referrals to immigration lawyers, and offering support with housing and workplace issues; and

WHEREAS, since the first buses started to arrive in Illinois, PASO has been supporting over 300 recent arrival families with clothing, food, vaccinations, application for medicaid services and referrals to immigration legal services. PASO has provided financial aid for undocumented immigrants affected by COVID and provides clothing, food, vaccinations, and other services; and

WHEREAS, since the beginning of Covid-19, PASO has been committed to keeping the community healthy. From 2020 to 2023, PASO has hosted over 50 Covid-19 vaccination clinics and vaccinated over 1,000 community members; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, PASO hosted several events to engage community members in different campaigns and issues directly affecting their daily lives. PASO had 3,639 members participate in events such as open houses, focus groups, fundraising events, community forums, and panel discussions; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2023, PASO hosted their first ever Women's Month. PASO planned five different events in the month of March, which had 250 attendees. PASO had women from the community speak on building power for workers, tenant rights and for fair immigration policies; and

WHEREAS, the most important part of PASO is the community members, recognizing and celebrating Immigrant women and men coming together for justice, and people conquering their fears and embracing their collective power to make a difference for them and their families; and

WHEREAS, in PASO, the fight for justice is a family matter; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes

the leadership of the members of the migrant community and honors their history of organizing, creating opportunities, and making use of their collective power; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners supports a community in which its residents have equal access to opportunities that allow them to have full and dignified lives and, where their rights are respected regardless of their immigration status; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby honor PASO - West Suburban Action Project on their 15th Anniversary in June of 2024.

HONRANDO AL PROYECTO DE ACCIÓN SUBURBANA PASO del OESTE EN SU 15º ANIVERSARIO

CONSIDERANDO QUE, PASO - Proyecto de Acción Suburbana del Oeste se inició en la Iglesia Católica Mount Carmel y fue fundado el 15 de Marzo de 2009 por Yesenia Sánchez; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, PASO está ubicada en Melrose Park y está comprometida a brindar servicios a las comunidades circundantes. Esto incluye: Bellwood, Berkeley, Northlake, Maywood, Berwyn, Addison, Cicero, Chicago y muchos más; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, muchas reuniones comunitarias se llevaron a cabo en el gimnasio de la Iglesia Católica Monte Carmelo, donde más de 400 personas se reunieron el día de la inauguración. La comunidad decidió unificar sus voces para luchar por los derechos de los inmigrantes, la seguridad pública y el acceso a la salud para los inmigrantes; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, un componente de estos primeros años fue la educación para estudiantes indocumentados, y ayudar a hacer realidad la matrícula estatal para estudiantes indocumentados en 2011. Otros componentes incluyeron el registro de votantes, las clases de ciudadanía y la organización comunitaria; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, en 2014, PASO, junto con otras organizaciones aliadas y miembros de la comunidad, ganó una ley estatal para que las personas indocumentadas obtengan licencias de conducir temporales; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, en 2015, Mony Ruiz se unió a PASO como su nueva Directora Ejecutiva; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la clínica legal de inmigración de PASO, fundada en 2016, se convirtió en un modelo en los suburbios del oeste al combinar servicios y organizarse, ayudando a cientos de personas a naturalizar su estatus; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, en 2017, PASO marchó para luchar por espacios acogedores para que los

inmigrantes vivan y trabajen, y abogó por ordenanzas y resoluciones de bienvenida en Oak Park, River Forest, Forest Park, Berwyn y Summit; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, PASO, se unió a otras organizaciones en el estado para abogar y ganar legislación importante, incluyendo la Ley Trust, la Ley VOICES y la Ley RISE; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, PASO fue una de las principales organizaciones que participó en una manifestación en el centro de Chicago para exigir la abolición de ICE a la que asistieron 12,000 personas; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, en 2020 comenzó la nueva era de PASO, ya que Marién Casillas-Pabellón asumió el cargo de Directora Ejecutiva; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, durante la pandemia de COVID-19, las desigualdades se intensificaron, lo que exigió una nueva dirección para la organización, con un enfoque en la creación de liderazgo en la comunidad en la que puedan organizarse para construir poder. PASO se comprometió a garantizar que los miembros de la comunidad puedan liderar la lucha para crear entornos más seguros en su lugar de trabajo, tener seguridad en la vivienda y tener acceso a servicios de salud de calidad; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, en 2020, PASO ayudó a otros a ser contados en el CENSO; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, en enero de 2021, PASO se unió a los defensores de la vivienda para obtener la primera Ordenanza de Inquilinos y Propietarios Residenciales en todo el Condado de Cook; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, más de 30.000 personas participaron en el aprendizaje y la adopción de medidas para el acceso a la salud, mejores condiciones de vivienda y los derechos de los trabajadores; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, en 2023, PASO brindó servicios a 1,537 miembros de la comunidad, a través de la oferta de cursos de ciudadanía, clases de ESL, referencias a abogados de inmigración y ofreciendo apoyo con problemas de vivienda y lugar de trabajo; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, desde que los primeros autobuses de nuevos inmigrantes comenzaron a llegar a Illinois, PASO ha estado apoyando a más de 300+ familias recién llegadas con ropa, alimentos, vacunas, solicitud de servicios de Medicaid y referencias a servicios legales de inmigración, por mencionar algunos. PASO ha brindado ayuda financiera a inmigrantes indocumentados afectados por COVID proveyendo ropa, alimentos, vacunas y otros servicios; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, desde el comienzo de Covid-19, PASO se ha comprometido a mantener saludable a la comunidad y compartir la información más reciente sobre vacunas. De 2020 a 2023, PASO ha organizado más de 50 clínicas de vacunación contra el Covid-19 y ha vacunado a más de 1,000 miembros de la comunidad; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, en 2023, PASO organizó varios eventos para involucrar a los miembros de la

comunidad en diferentes campañas y problemas que afectan directamente su vida diaria. PASO contó con la participación de 3,639 miembros en eventos como jornadas de puertas abiertas, grupos focales, eventos de recaudación de fondos, foros comunitarios y paneles de discusión; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, en Marzo de 2023, PASO organizó su primer Mes de la Mujer. PASO planeó cinco eventos diferentes en el mes de Marzo y tuvo 250 asistentes. PASO hizo que mujeres de la comunidad hablaran sobre la construcción de poder para los derechos de los trabajadores y los inquilinos y para políticas de inmigración justas; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la parte más importante de PASO son los miembros de su comunidad, reconociendo y celebrando a las mujeres y hombres inmigrantes que se unen por la justicia, las personas que conquistan sus miedos y abrazan su poder colectivo para marcar la diferencia para ellos y sus familias; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, en PASO, la lucha por la justicia es un asunto de familia; y

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, SE RESUELVE, que la Junta de Comisionados del Condado de Cook reconoce el liderazgo de los miembros de la comunidad migrante y honra su historia de organización, creación de oportunidades y uso de su poder colectivo; y

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, SE RESUELVE, que la Junta de Comisionados del Condado de Cook apoya una comunidad en la que sus residentes tengan igualdad de acceso a oportunidades que les permitan tener vidas plenas y dignas y, donde sus derechos sean respetados independientemente de su estatus migratorio; y

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, SE RESUELVE, que el Presidente y la Junta de Comisionados del Condado de Cook, en nombre de los residentes del Condado de Cook, por la presente honran al Proyecto de Acción Suburbana del Oeste de PASO en su 15º Aniversario en Junio de 2024..

[24-3707](#)

Sponsored by: FRANK J. AGUILAR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING NORTHLAKE ALDERWOMAN PENNY FELDMANN ON RECEIVING THE CITY OF NORTHLAKE'S LIFE SAVING AWARD

WHEREAS, Penny Feldmann grew up in Leyden Township, one block from Northlake, and attended St. John Vianney and West Leyden High Schools; and

WHEREAS, Alderwoman Feldmann is married to Paul R. Feldmann, and has two sons, Paul and Mike; and

WHEREAS, Alderwoman Feldmann was appointed as First Ward Alderwoman of the City of Northlake in 2002 and was elected for a full term in 2003; and

WHEREAS, on March 18th, 2024, a resident collapsed on the sidewalk in front of Northlake City Hall after leaving a City Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, Alderwoman Feldmann, a Certified Nurse Midwife, happened to be driving by on her way home from the meeting and jumped out of her car, immediately assessing the situation, listened for a heartbeat, and began administering lifesaving CPR; and

WHEREAS, Alderwoman Feldmann continued assisting the resident until a Northlake ambulance arrived; and

WHEREAS, due to her quick thinking and calm actions, the resident had regained consciousness by the time the ambulance arrived at the hospital and is recovering at home; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2024, Northlake Mayor Jefferey Sherwin presented Alderwoman Penny Feldmann with the City of Northlake’s Life Saving Award due to her swift actions in saving a resident’s life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby honor Penny Feldmann in June of 2024 for her heroic actions.

[24-3702](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE FARMWORKERS & LANDSCAPER ADVOCACY PROJECT (FLAP) ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project (FLAP) - Ayuda para Trabajadores del Campo y Jardineros - was incorporated on February 8, 1999; and

WHEREAS, FLAP was created in response to a 1996 Congressional ruling that prohibited federally funded legal services programs from filing class actions for and representing many low-income workers; and

WHEREAS, this prohibition includes H-2A agricultural workers, H-2B forestry workers, and victims of battery, extreme cruelty, sexual assault, or human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the justice and legal representation that for decades inspired millions of oppressed people to

come to America were denied to hundreds of thousands of low-income workers, most of them Latinos. While FLAP serves all classifications of workers, it focuses on very low-income laborers and their households; and

WHEREAS, FLAP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that covers the State of Illinois, where they have recovered almost 5 million dollars in back wages and illegal deductions; and

WHEREAS, FLAP continues the tireless effort to improve the working conditions for thousands of low-income workers in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, FLAP relies on more than 400 networks of organizations and qualified attorneys to handle legal cases in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, FLAP has educated more than 2.0 million low-income Latine workers on their legal rights, partnered with more than 450 organizations, including Consulates, law firms, churches, foundations, and other non-profit organizations, to improve working conditions for the low-income community in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, FLAP has endorsed and sent more than 315 petitions and letters advocating for low-income workers, distributed almost 4.5 million of community outreach and education material with resources and legal information available to low-income workers regardless of their immigration status, delivered more than 120,000 “Know Your Rights” presentations; and

WHEREAS, FLAP celebrates the diversity of Illinois and has a more than 25-year reputation for hiring from within the diverse Latine communities they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor the 25th Anniversary of the Farmworkers and Landscaper Advocacy Project (FLAP); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution is presented to the Farmworkers and Landscaper Advocacy Project (FLAP) in honor of its outstanding achievements and its 25th anniversary.

[24-3682](#)

Sponsored by: BRIDGET DEGNEN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JULIE STACK FOR HER THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE TO COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Julie Stack is recognized for her thirty two years of service to Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Julie Stack graduated from Resurrection College Prep High School; and

WHEREAS, Julie graduated from Quincy University in May of 1994; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1992, Julie started her Cook County career working in both the Cook County Assessor's Office and the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court as a summer employee; and

WHEREAS, In January of 1996, Julie was hired in the Office of the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, On November 28, 2003, Julie married her husband, Thomas Stack, of the Chicago Police Department; and

WHEREAS, In July of 2008, Julie and Thomas became parents to two beautiful twins, Tommy and Shannon; and

WHEREAS, Julie holds a certification as a Certified Governmental Auditing Professional and has completed countless audits as a Field Auditor with a focus on improving Cook County Government; and

WHEREAS, Julie was promoted twice while at the Office of the County Auditor, from a Field Auditor IV to a Field Auditor V to her current position as an Audit Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Julie has worked under four different County Auditor's; and

WHEREAS, Julie has helped migrate the Office of the County Auditor to four different office spaces throughout her career; and

WHEREAS, Julie has been a dedicated Audit Supervisor, assisting her staff and sharing her knowledge of Cook County Government; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and dedication of Julie Stack serve as an example to all; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Toni Preckwinkle, President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners assembled this thirteenth day of June, 2024, do hereby congratulate Julie on thirty two years of outstanding service as a trusted member of the Cook County Government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Julie Stack along with congratulations and best wishes of the Cook County Government.

[24-3663](#)

Sponsored by: MONICA GORDON, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, 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

JOLEAN WASHINGTON GRAY, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, the golden chain of friendship has been broken with the passing of beloved, JoLean Washington Gray, on April 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, JoLean Washington Gray, an Alumna member, was inducted into the South Suburban Chicago (IL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 1994 and since dedicated her life to the principles of friendship and service; and

WHEREAS, JoLean faithfully served on numerous committees, including Budget and Finance, Audit, Elections, Tellers, National Trends and Services/PADS, and Courtesy, demonstrating her unwavering commitment and exemplary leadership; and

WHEREAS, even as an Alumna member, JoLean continued to uphold the tenets of the organization by volunteering her time and efforts to support Services to Youth student field trips, Health and Human Services Kidney Screenings, and the Courtesy Committee's requests to serve at repasts as needed; and

WHEREAS, JoLean, a native of Chicago, Illinois, was an alumna of Chicago State University and lived a full life grounded in family, friends, and service; and

WHEREAS, JoLean excelled professionally as a teacher and real estate professional, founding Gray Realty Group, and was an esteemed member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the South Suburban Chicago Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, and a dedicated servant on the Usher Board of Christ Universal Temple for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, JoLean's legacy continues to live on through her cherished son, Bradford Jourdan Gray; sister, Denise Washington; brother, Louis Washington Jr.; grandchildren Leah, Bennett, Selena, Rachael, Olivia; and a multitude of nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, her spirit remains a guiding light in the hearts of all who were fortunate to know her, her love, and her succinct words of wisdom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and members of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County in recognition of the life and legacy of JoLean Washington Gray, express

their deepest condolences to her family and loved ones, and hereby honor and celebrate her life, her service, and the profound impact she has made on the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of JoLean Washington as a token of our love and support, and as a testament to the profound impact of JoLean's life.

[24-3664](#)

Sponsored by: MONICA GORDON, JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, 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

RESOLUTION HONORING JIM GARRETT ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Jim Garrett, President and CEO of Visit Chicago Southland since 1996, will be retiring June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, under Jim Garrett's leadership, Visit Chicago Southland (formerly Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau) has flourished, overseeing administrative, marketing, and sales operations with the objective of generating overnight hotel stays by promoting the Chicago Southland region as a prime location for meetings, conventions, trade shows, group tours, leisure, and sports events; and

WHEREAS, Jim Garrett's 28 years of service and dedication made Visit Chicago Southland one of the finest tourism organizations in the State of Illinois and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Jim Garrett's distinguished career prior to Visit Chicago Southland includes serving as Executive Director for the Cedar Rapids Convention and Visitors Bureau, Vice President for the Wichita Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Director of Sales and Marketing for the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, during Jim Garrett's tenure, Visit Chicago Southland earned notable accolades such as the 2024 Illinois Excellence in Tourism Award for Best Website and the Diversity Inc's 2011 Community Spirit Award, while Jim Garrett himself received prestigious honors including the Illinois State Soccer Association's Presidential Award, the Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association's 2007 Ambassador of Hospitality Award, and the Upper Midwest Convention and Visitor Bureau's 2012 Individual Professionalism and Lifetime Achievement Award, and recognition as one of the Chicago Southland's Five Most Influential Leaders by Midwest Publishing - Elite Magazine; and

WHEREAS, Jim Garrett has attained several industry certifications from the World Tourism Management Center at Purdue University, is an accredited CDME - Certified Destination Management

Executive - the highest individual education achievement in the tourism industry, and has served on numerous committees and boards including the President's Advisory Board at Governor's State University, the Executive Advisory Council at St. Xavier's University, and the Executive Committee of the Illinois Council of Convention and Visitors Bureau.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and members of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, hereby honor and commend Jim Garrett for his outstanding service, dedication, and leadership over the past 28 years, extend our deepest appreciation for his significant contributions to the tourism industry, and wish him health, happiness, and fulfillment in his well-deserved retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Jim Garret as a token of our heartfelt gratitude and admiration, serving as a testament to his remarkable career and the profound impact his service has had on the lives of others.

[24-3636](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY and TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION IN HONOR EVANGELIST SAMMIE M. TURNER

WHEREAS, Evangelist Sammie M. Turner was born in Shaw, Mississippi, on September 4, 1936, to the union of Queen Victoria Sellas and Willie Apperton, and was the second of three children; and

WHEREAS, Evangelist Turner's mother, father, brother, Willie Jr, and sister, Josephine, all preceded her in death, as well as her husband, Walter C. Turner Jr, and one child Clinton; and

WHEREAS, Evangelist Turner's career was marked by dedication and service. She worked for and retired from the City of Chicago Park District, where she rose to the position of Supervisor and Director of Senior Citizens at Seward Park. Her educational journey was equally impressive, having received her education at McEvans Elementary and High School in Shaw, Mississippi, and later continuing her studies at Loop Junior College and Moody Bible Institute. Her thirst for knowledge led her to earn a Bachelor's Degree of Theology in Religious Education at GMOR International Institute of America in August 2003; and

WHEREAS, Evangelist Turner's faith was a cornerstone of her life. She professed her hope in Christ at the tender age of twelve and was baptized at the Parker Chapel A.M.E. Church. Her move to Chicago did not deter her from her spiritual path, as she immediately found a church home at the Stranger Home M.B. Church. In 1959, she transferred her membership to Union M.B. Church, where she continued to serve and grow in her faith; and

WHEREAS, Evangelist Turner's served with the Missions, visiting Nursing Homes, prisons, and those in

need, and became a First Lady at Greater Faith M.B. Church in 1984, where she continued working with the Missions and getting the ladies of Greater Faith involved; and

WHEREAS, Evangelist Turner's missionary work was a testament to her selflessness and dedication. After the retirement of her husband as a pastor, she felt a calling to continue serving. After much prayer and fasting, she found her new spiritual home at New Spiritual Light M.B. Church, under the leadership of her son, Rev, Dr. Walter P. Turner III. Her missionary work was not just a title, but a reflection of her heart. She served as a Field Mission Worker, a Bible Teacher for the State and District, and held various leadership positions, including President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Baptist Wives of Chicago Vicinity; and

WHEREAS, Evangelist Turner leaves behind her legacy of her loving and devoted children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, friends, and many more who have taken her for their Mom and Mentor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF THE 3rd DISTRICT, AND TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER, that take this opportunity to honor the life and legacy of Evangelist Sammie Turner, a devoted wife, mother, and missionary, who lived a life of service to the Lord and others. We give thanks for her many contributions to the church and the community, and we will continue to honor her memory by following in her footsteps, spreading the gospel, and serving those in need.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MEMBERS OF THIS BODY, we express our deepest condolences to Evangelist Turner's family and loved ones and offer our sincere gratitude for her many years of service to her community. We give thanks for her many contributions to the church and the community, and we solemnly pledge to honor her memory by steadfastly following in her footsteps, spreading the gospel, and serving those in need; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of Evangelist Sammie M. Turner. We offer our sincere gratitude for her many years of service to her community.

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

[24-3703](#)

Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THE RETIREMENT OF RALPH CZERWINSKI

WHEREAS, Ralph Czerwinski is retiring as the Village Administrator from the Village of Morton Grove

on July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Ralph has served as Village Administrator for Morton Grove since 2015; and

WHEREAS, Ralph's retirement marks the end of his 50-year career in public service; and

WHEREAS, Ralph grew up in Niles, Illinois, and started his public service career at age 16 when he became employed by the Village of Niles in their Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, Ralph joined the Morton Grove Fire Department in 1975 as a firefighter where he progressed through the ranks and served as Fire Chief from 1990 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, Ralph left the Morton Grove Fire Department to serve as Morton Grove's Village Administrator from 2003 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, Ralph returned to his firefighting roots serving as the Village of Skokie's Fire Chief from 2005 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, Ralph returned to Morton Grove to serve as its Village Administrator from 2015 until his retirement on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Ralph's achievements as Morton Grove's Village Administrator include negotiating a 47-year agreement to purchase water from the city of Evanston resulting in long-term stabilization of the Village's water rates, upgrading the Village's water infrastructure system, resurfacing numerous roadways throughout the Village, renovating an obsolete-26 acre shopping center at Waukegan and Dempster to a popular mixed-use center, attracting sales tax producing businesses to the Village, properly funding public safety pensions, and improving the Village's bond rating; and

WHEREAS, Ralph has been a dear mentor, friend, and colleague to countless people throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Ralph's contributions to Morton Grove, Niles, Skokie, and Cook County will benefit this and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Ralph is excited to spend his retirement with family, including his wife, Michelle, his children, Adam, Paul, Lisa, and John, and his 8 grandchildren;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board acknowledges and congratulates the service and invaluable contributions of Ralph E. Czerwinski on his retirement as the Village Administrator of the Village of Morton Grove; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT 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 Ralph Czerwinski, that

his service may be so honored.

[24-3657](#)

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING ADBHHUT MEDIA

WHEREAS, the month of May is recognized as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Cook County celebrates the vast contributions made by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in our communities; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of Asian Pacific Americans in our District's social, economic, and democratic success, as well as their role in making Cook County a great place with diverse culture; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of the group named below, who have made great contributions and selfless efforts and helped develop a great working relationship with the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Adbhhut Media, founded by Gurmeet Singh Dhalwan in 2018, is global media organization dedicated to enhancing society by creating, collecting and distributing high-quality news and information and continually works to give back to the community by organizing events with media partners, and unclosing global support for unprivileged children and families; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's strength is in its diversity, and the work of Adbhhut Media serves as an example of that;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Adbhhut Media for the outstanding work they do in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Adbhhut Media in recognition of their contributions to Cook County.

[24-3658](#)

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING PRIDE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month is observed each year in the month of June to center and celebrate the history, successes, stories, work, and ongoing issues of the community; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month was initially inspired by the 1969 Stonewall Uprising and works to achieve equal justice and opportunity for LGBTQIA+ Americans, as well as recognize the impact that LGBTQIA+ individuals have had on society at local, national, and international levels; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Riots were a series of demonstrations in which members of the LGBTQIA+ community protested police raids and harassment; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Riots marked the beginning of the modern LGBTQIA+ rights movement although previous demonstrations and organizing efforts amongst the LGBTQIA+ community preceded; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA+ movement and its allies have fought hard to win the right to one's gender, to marry, and to start families while also continuing to fight against hate speech, hate crimes, and ongoing discrimination targeted at both the personal and legal levels; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA+ community is an important contributor to the diverse and vibrant communities across Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the annual iconic Chicago Pride Parade is one of the largest Pride events in the country during which residents throughout Cook County, Illinois, and the nation have the opportunity to come together, celebrate, and stand as one with the LGBTQIA+ community, their families, and friends; and

WHEREAS, the current national political environment has created very real legal and physical dangers for the LGBTQIA+ community, and as such Cook County must continue to loudly and proudly fight to affirm, welcome, and protect this community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 to be Pride Month in Cook County and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby recommit to strengthening the advancement of equity for the LGBTQIA+ community of Cook County.

[24-3659](#)

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING GLEN'S FRIENDS

WHEREAS, Glen Brown was an extraordinary embodiment of generosity, passion, humor and kindness; and

WHEREAS, amidst the vibrancy of his existence Glen faced his own battles, and after triumphing over the challenges of AIDS/HIV, he went on to give back by volunteering his time for various charities; and

WHEREAS, as an avid and experienced cyclist Glen embarked on a poignant journey in 2022, training relentlessly to join 2,000 cyclists on a mission to support AIDS research; and

WHEREAS, tragically Glen was a block away from the finish line of a 545-mile ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles when he fell and died in a single-bike crash on June 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, as a way to honor Glen's memory, his sister Janet McCarthy founded Glen's Friends which has become a newly established, Arlington Heights-based 501(c) (3) organization; and

WHEREAS, Glen's Friend's mission is to nurture a world where all can love and be loved, and to wholeheartedly embrace the transformative power of love, determined to cultivate a world where every soul can experience the boundless joy of loving and being loved; and

WHEREAS, Glen's Friends has a focus of supporting the LGBTQ+ community across the Northwest suburbs through event sponsorships, volunteerism, and engagement; and

WHEREAS, Glen's Friends were a welcome part of the June 2nd Buffalo Grove Pride Parade; and

WHEREAS, Cook County continues to emphatically support those organizations and community members who work towards the advancement of inclusion, acceptance, and well-being;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize Glen's Friends for its work in the community and its continual striving towards love for all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to Glen's Friends in honor of all the work they do everyday.

[24-3660](#)

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE KENNETH YOUNG CENTER'S NORTHWEST PRIDE FEST

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ Center at Kenneth Young "Q Center" provides a wide range of services devoted to creating a comforting and patient community for the LGBTQ+ population in the Northwest Suburbs and all of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the Q Center aims to guide, help and support the LGBTQ+ community and make sure they feel safe in what they feel and believe; and

WHEREAS, they also provide many opportunities for young adults who seek to widen their social environment, networking jobs and careers, and guide those who seek to be more involved with the Q Center's Northwest Suburbs community network for queer professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Kenneth Young Center hosts Northwest Pride Fest every year to show how much time and effort they are willing to give to ensure that they make every community they help to be comfortable in their environment and have a safe space to lean on; and

WHEREAS, this year the Kenneth Young Center will host their Northwest Pride Fest on June 29th from 2-7pm at the Trick-ster Cul-tur-al Cen-ter in Schaum-burg, IL; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of people attend representing a diversity of races, genders, ages, and backgrounds who all come to either support or to be supported by a community that was built with the help of Kenneth Young Center; and

WHEREAS, while this event emphasizes its dedication to the LGBTQ+ community, they also dedicate their time with all kinds of groups of people who seek help or support or simply want to be in a community in which they feel they won't be let down by those around them; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we as a whole understand that we are all human despite our differences, whether that be race, color, age, gender, or sexuality; and

WHEREAS, this event is extremely devoted to making a safe space and providing lots of help to the LGBTQ+ community in the Northwest Suburbs and across Cook County; and

WHEREAS, we in Cook County remain steadfast in our dedication towards building community as devoted to acceptance as the Kenneth Young Center; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize the Kenneth Young LGBTQ+ Center for all the crucial work they do every day for the LGBTQ+ population in Cook County and their upcoming Northwest Pride Fest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to the Kenneth Young LGBTQ+ Center in recognition of their vital contributions to LGBTQ+ community in Cook County.

[24-3662](#)

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING CHICAGO PRIDE PARADE'S COMMUNITY GRAND MARSHALLS

WHEREAS, PRIDEChicago will host their 53rd annual Chicago Pride Parade on Sunday, June 30th; and

WHEREAS, the parade serves as the crowning event of Pride Month in Chicago, capping off a series of celebrations that unite the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, this year, the over 150 contingents will march under the theme "Pride is Power"; and

WHEREAS, to reflect the richness of the community, as well as recognize and celebrating the beautiful diversity of those celebrating Pride Month, PRIDEChicago selects a choice few to serve as Pride Parade's Community Grand Marshalls; and

WHEREAS, PRIDEChicago has hosted numerous grand marshals from the world of sports, music, film, and TV, including John Amaechi (2007), Eric Alva (2008), Billy Bean (2003), Alexandra Billings (2009), Orlando Cruz (2018), Wilson Cruz (2005), Lea Delaria (2017), Wade Davis (2013), Ty Herndon (2015), Greg Louganis (1999), Chuck Panozzo (2002), Monica Raymund (2016), Fernanda Rocha (2011), Will Sheridan (2014), George Takei (2006), Esera Tuaolo (2004), Evan Wolfson (2012), Chely Wright (2010); and

WHEREAS, longtime LGBTQ+ activists, community organizers and high-profile transgender couple Myles and Precious Brady-Davis have been selected as 2024 Grand Marshalls; and

WHEREAS, Myles Brady-Davis is communications director of Equality Illinois, and Precious Brady-Davis recently became the first Black transgender person appointed to public office in Cook County, became the first trans person to serve on a water reclamation board in U.S. history, and additionally wrote the best-selling book, *I Have Always Been Me*; and

WHEREAS, Chicago activists and bar owners Art Johnston and Jose "Pepe" Pena have also been

selected as 2024 Grand Marshalls; and

WHEREAS, the duo, nationally recognized LGBTQ+ civil rights leaders and the subject of an award-winning feature documentary, *ART AND PEP*, opened the iconic gay bar Sidetrack in 1982, and fueled a civil rights movement that is still active today; and

WHEREAS, Johnston was additionally an integral organizer in passage of Chicago and Cook County human rights legislation and was a co-founder of the Illinois Federation for Human Rights, now known as Equality Illinois; and

WHEREAS, during this month of Pride, it is vital that we uplift those who continue to loudly and proudly fight to affirm, welcome, and protect the LGBTQ+ community;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its wholehearted congratulations to Myles and Precious Brady-Davis and Art Johnston and Jose “Pepe” Pena on their selection as the Community Grand Marshalls for the 2024 Chicago Pride Parade; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Myles and Precious Brady-Davis and Art Johnston and Jose “Pepe” Pena in recognition of their selection.

[24-3672](#)

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

TOM ROMAN’S RETIREMENT, SOUTH BARRINGTON POLICE CHIEF

WHEREAS, Tom Roman has served as the Chief of Police for the Village of South Barrington for the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, following his service as a Police Officer in Glen Ellyn, he was then promoted to Chief of Police in Cary and Roselle; and

WHEREAS, Chief Roman was later to be appointed to become Chief of Police in 2014 for the Village South Barrington, where he oversaw police investigations and crime reports; and

WHEREAS, Chief Roman’s work has been clearly shown, as recognized by the Illinois State Crime Commission as Chief of Police of The Year in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and the Cook County Board of Commissioners have had the honor of working with Chief Roman who has proved to be a wonderful person to work with; and

WHEREAS Chief Roman will now be retired and able to spend more time with his family and loved

ones;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its congratulations to Chief Roman on his retirement from the position of Chief of Police for the Village of South Barrington; and

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

[24-3673](#)

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING HENRY INGRAM, WINNER OF COOK COUNTY'S INAUGURAL LGBTQ+ YOUTH ART COMPETITION

WHEREAS, the month of June is recognized as Pride Month, centering and celebrating the history, successes, stories, work, and ongoing issues of the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has chosen to celebrate this occasion with an art competition for young LGBTQ+ citizens and allies of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, this contest's theme was "Pride is Power" with entries intending to highlight the strength of the LGBTQ+ community against the hate and discrimination experienced by many; and

WHEREAS, the winners of this competition were selected by the LGBTQ+ identifying Cook County Commissioners: Kevin Morrison, Maggie Trevor, and Anthony Quezada; and

WHEREAS, the winners of this competition reflect the lived experiences of the LGBTQ+ community as expressed from their own points of view and whose work has resonated with the theme of the competition; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's strength is in its diversity, and the winners of this competition represent a both powerful and beautiful part of the rich tapestry that is Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Henry Ingram of Winnetka has been selected as the winner of the Cook County 2024 LGBTQ+ Youth Art Competition 18 and older category for their mixed media entry;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Henry Ingram for their outstanding work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Henry Ingram's entry shall be displayed hereafter in the Cook County Building; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Henry Ingram in recognition of this outstanding accomplishment.

[24-3679](#)

Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING MICHEAL REYNA, WINNER OF COOK COUNTY'S INAUGURAL LGBTQ+ YOUTH ART COMPETITION

WHEREAS, the month of June is recognized as Pride Month, centering and celebrating the history, successes, stories, work, and ongoing issues of the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has chosen to celebrate this occasion with an art competition for young LGBTQ+ citizens and allies of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, this contest's theme was "Pride is Power" with entries intending to highlight the strength of the LGBTQ+ community against the hate and discrimination experienced by many; and

WHEREAS, the winners of this competition were selected by the LGBTQ+ identifying Cook County Commissioners: Kevin Morrison, Maggie Trevor, and Anthony Quezada; and

WHEREAS, the winners of this competition reflect the lived experiences of the LGBTQ+ community as expressed from their own points of view and who's work has resonated with the theme of the competition; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's strength is in its diversity, and the winners of this competition represent a powerful and beautiful part of the rich tapestry that is Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Micheal Reyna of Forest Park has been selected as the winner of the Cook County 2024 LGBTQ+ Youth Art Competition under 18 category for their charcoal drawing entry;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Micheal Reyna for their outstanding work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Micheal Reyna's entry shall be displayed hereafter in the Cook County Building; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Micheal Reyna in recognition of this outstanding accomplishment.