

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

**Consent Agenda** 

Thursday, February 29, 2024, 10:00 AM

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## 24-1795

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

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

# CELEBRATING 14TH DISTRICT BLACK HISTORY MONTH HONOREE ROBERT MOORE

**WHEREAS,** Robert Moore is a nationally recognized army veteran, author, historian, lifelong law enforcement leader, and community policing reformer with a track record of always stepping up and lending a helping hand; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert Moore native of Mississippi, continuing to manage the 40-acre farm that was purchased by his father in 1907; and

WHEREAS, Robert Moore began his law enforcement career as a deputy sheriff in Winnebago County; and

WHEREAS, as Illinois State Trooper in 1976, Robert Moore was chosen to manage the department's the inaugural leader of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) where he led workforce inclusion increases of minorities and women by nearly 30%; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert Moore served as a Police Major and Chief of Detectives of the Savannah, Georgia Police Department from 1985-1987 where he wrote acclaimed paper "Crime in the Black Community: A Generation at Risks," which was adapted for city-wide use; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert Moore was named a U.S. Marshal in 1994 by President Bill Clinton, and was appointed Chair of the Marshal Service Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee where he conducted a nationwide hearing on minority recruitment and discrimination in the Marshall Service; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1997, Robert Moore proudly led the successful effort to honor Ruby Bridges Hall, who famously desegregated Mississippian schools at the age of six, with an honorary title of Deputy U.S. Marshal; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Marshal's Distinguished Service Award was bestowed upon Robert Moore for this impeccable leadership; and

WHEREAS, Robert Moore has been rightly lauded and honored for this work and leadership including the Rotary Paul Harris Award, Rotary Leadership Award, FBI Directors Community Service Award, Marshal Service Distinguished Service Award, Marshal Service Small District Award, WSEC TV Board of Director Award for Community (10Rules), University of Illinois Alumni Humanitarian Award, and 2021 University of Illinois 50 Anniversary Achievement; and

WHEREAS, Robert Moore, in his role as Chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee for the State of Illinois branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), played a key role in drafting the Ten Shared Principles, jointly developed by the Illinois NAACP and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police as a guide for police departments to pledge and activate their belief that all human life deserves equal dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, Robert Moore was a catalyst for the Cook County Board passing a Resolution in support of The Ten Shared Principles in 2020 for the Cook County Sheriffs Office and the Forest Preserve Police; and

**WHEREAS,** through Robert Moore's support, advocacy, and knowledge, numerous other police districts throughout Cook County, and more than 250 police departments throughout the state of Illinois, have signed on the Ten Shared Principles, pledging to diminish and eliminate racial tension through fairness, transparency, impartiality, mutual responsibility, and community partnerships; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert Moore helped bring the Ten Shared Principles to life through two community dialogues, held virtually via Zoom during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown, to encourage understanding between community members and the law enforcement officers that serve them; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Robert Moore for the indelible mark he is left on the Fourteenth District of Cook County, his gracious and expert leadership across Cook County, and his legacy of service throughout the State of Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a suitable copy of the Resolution be tendered to Robert Moore as a means of communicating our immense gratitude for his enduring service.

# <u>24-1807</u>

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

# **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

# DAVID ERNESTO MUNAR RETIREMENT, HOWARD BROWN HEALTH PRESIDENT AND CEO

WHEREAS, David Ernesto Munar became President and CEO of Howard Brown in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Munar first connected with Howard Brown in the early 1990s as a patient where he received his HIV diagnosis in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, for the two decades following his diagnosis, Munar served as an institutional partner and funder of Howard Brown's work in his leadership roles at the AIDS Foundation of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, when Munar started in 2014, Howard Brown provided primary care and sexual health services to fewer than 8,000 patients at three locations in Uptown and Lakeview; and

WHEREAS, under Munar's leadership, Howard Brown has transformed into a \$200 million healthcare organization that now offers comprehensive and affirming care to more than 38,000 patients at 10 locations across Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, thanks to Munar's continual dedication to improvement, Howard Brown Health is now recognized as a federally qualified health center, has expanded to serve the South and Northwest Sides of Chicago, and provided redefining community care during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, more recently, Munar has overseen quality-improvement projects including the opening of a permanent home for the Broadway Youth Center, the transition to a modern electronic health record system, and construction of a new anchor health center in the heart of the Northalsted community; and

WHEREAS, Munar had also previously dedicated his time to the Cook County Board of Directors in its continual mission to the health and wellbeing of those across Cook County; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, Howard Brown has also achieved its highest patient satisfaction scores and has served more patients than any other time in its 50-year history.

**WHEREAS**, following 10 years of dedicated leadership, David Ernesto Munar has decided to step down as President and CEO of Howard Brown Health as of February 29th, 2024;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby offer its sincere gratitude to David Ernesto Munar for his leadership, vision, and dedicated service to Howard Brown and to our communities over the course of the last decade; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to David Ernesto Munar in honor of all his contributions to our communities.

## 24-1809

Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

## PROPOSED RESOLUTION

## MCGAW YMCA CAMP ECHO RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, McGaw YMCA in Evanston, IL runs Camp Echo, a residential YMCA camp on Ryerson Long Lake located near Fremont, Michigan, has helped transform the lives of countless campers since its inception in 1924.

WHEREAS, Camp Echo has been a treasured destination for generations of Evanston children and families for more than 120 years. The history of camping at the McGaw YMCA (formerly the Evanston YMCA) traces back to 1899, operating camp programs at various locations across Wisconsin and Michigan for the first 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Camp Echo has consistently evolved to meet the needs of today's campers. Camp Echo's ongoing priority is to increase access and design the camp experience with all people in mind, particularly those who have been historically excluded from camp. Along with McGaw YMCA, Camp Echo remains dedicated to providing new generations of campers with transformational, inclusive, outdoor experiences while addressing historical and present challenges; and

WHEREAS, each year, over 1,500 campers from Evanston and beyond are inspired to cultivate the whole person, strengthen community, and provide equitable access to transformational experiences that uplift the mind, body, and spirit; and

**WHEREAS**, many campers start their Camp Echo journey early, attending Family or Traditional Camp starting in the summer before 3rd grade. As campers grow, options expand to Adventure Trips and leadership programs, paving the way for future roles as camp staff.

WHEREAS, Camp Echo staff are a dedicated group of professional youth developers who passionately believe in the power of the overnight camp experience and what it does to help grow a child's sense of wonder, adventure, and independence; and

WHEREAS, Camp Echo hires nearly 200 seasonal staff members every summer, serving as a significant employer for youth aged 17-25 years old; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, McGaw YMCA Camp Echo celebrates its 100th anniversary, at its current location, of being a haven of experiential learning, nurturing personal growth, friendships, adventure, and a profound connection to the outdoors; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that Camp

Echo's Centennial is a chance to honor the camp's history, reflect on the camp's progress, and design the path forward towards becoming a camp where everyone belongs.

**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 McGaw YMCA Camp Echo.