



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

Thursday, May 12, 2022, 10:00 AM

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DON JOSE MORENO

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Don Jose Moreno from our midst on April 15, 2022, at the age of 99; and

WHEREAS, Don Jose was born in 1923 in San Luis Potosí, México, and immigrated to the United States in 1941; he moved to Chicago in the late 1950's to work in the railroad industry and pursue his dream of starting his own business; and

WHEREAS, Don Jose's dream came true in 1966 when he opened *La Escondida*, a grocery store in Little Village which was one of the first Mexican businesses in the neighborhood; a few years later he closed *La Escondida* and opened *La Popular* which closed in 1975; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Don Jose gave his son, Mike Moreno Sr. a small loan to open Moreno's Liquors, which remains open today; Don Jose would help open and close the store while still working at Chicago North Western Railway; and

WHEREAS, Don Jose's passion was spending time with his family, playing *loteria* with his friends, and helping his neighbors with home repairs; and

WHEREAS, Don Jose was the loving husband of Antonia; beloved father of Guadalupe Salinas, Mike Moreno Sr., Victoria Perez, Hipolito Moreno, Anthony Moreno, Concepcion Moreno, Luis Moreno, Consuelo Garcia and the late Paula Mayora, Jose Moreno Jr., and Jesus Moreno, and a cherished grandfather and great-grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Don Jose was known for having a strong work ethic, treating everyone with respect, and was loved by all who crossed his path; and

WHEREAS, Don Jose will always be remembered for his entrepreneur spirit and for his generosity in the community. His example has inspired his children and grandchildren to carry on with his legacy and work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Don Jose's spirit will forever be dearly missed by his family, friends, and all who loved him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Don Jose Moreno, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the family of Don Jose Moreno so that his memory may be honored and ever cherished.

[22-3389](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING SIKH AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH AND ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH

WHEREAS, Sikhs have been living in the United States for more than 120 years, and during the early 20th century, thousands of Sikh Americans worked on farms, in lumber mills and mines, and on the Oregon, Pacific & Eastern Railroad; and

WHEREAS, Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world and today, there are more than 25 million Sikhs worldwide and an estimated 500,000 Sikh Americans; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions, and make rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of the United States, including service as members of the United States Armed Forces and significant contributions to our great nation in agriculture, information technology, small businesses, the hotel industry, trucking, medicine, and technology; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans distinguished themselves by fostering respect among all people through faith and service; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is committed to educating citizens about the world's religions, the value of religious diversity, tolerance grounded in First Amendment principles, a culture of mutual understanding, and the diminution of violence; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Cook County seeks to further the diversity of its community and afford all residents the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich history and shared experiences of Sikh Americans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby, proclaim the month of April 2022 to be Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month in Cook

County and we recognize and celebrate Sikh residents during Asian American and Pacific Islander Month in May 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Gurmeet Singh Dhalwan.

[22-3390](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING NATIONAL LATINO EDUCATION INSTITUTE ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, National Latino Education Institute, (NLEI) is a not-for-profit community service agency that was incorporated in 1972; and

WHEREAS, the organization evolved from an advocacy group formed in the late 60's by several community leaders who decided to challenge major employers in the city who consistently failed to hire qualified Hispanic applicants; and

WHEREAS, initially began as Spanish Coalition for Jobs, Inc with job training and job placement programs and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Spanish Coalition for Jobs, Inc. purchased a 40,000 square foot building located at Pershing Road to establish a citywide training facility; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Spanish Coalition for Jobs, Inc. started customized training programs with various downtown employers and launched the Advanced Office Occupation Training Program; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Spanish Coalition for Jobs, Inc. was licensed as a business and trade school affording training with credentials

WHEREAS, in 1993, Spanish Coalition for Jobs, Inc. obtained funding from the Illinois State Board of Education to conduct English as a Second Language (ESL), citizenship, and pre-vocational training; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Spanish Coalition for Jobs, Inc. became a **nationally** accredited educational institution of higher education able to provide more credentials and post-secondary academic credit, students became eligible for federal aid and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Spanish Coalition for Jobs, Inc. was approved as a qualified training vendor for the Illinois Employment and Training Centers (IETC) and the Cook County President's Office of Employment

Training (POET) in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Spanish Coalition for Jobs, Inc. became one of only ten subcontractors for the Chicago Mayor's Office of Workforce Development (MOWD) to help with workforce development in the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Spanish Coalition for Jobs, Inc. created the medical consortium made up of top health employers to design and implement industry-demanded medical programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Spanish Coalition for Jobs, Inc. was elected as an affiliate of the one-stop system to provide core and intensive services under the new Workforce Investment Act (WIA) legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Dr. Assir Daniel DaSilva, bilingual medical assistant, training program received accreditation in 2004 through the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) on the recommendation of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) making the program one of only three CAAHEP certified programs in Chicago and the only one offering specialized bilingual training; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Spanish Coalition for Jobs, Inc. was recognized as an Honor Roll Institution by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and School (ACICS) for demonstrating exemplary standards and received the highest grant of accreditation without deferral; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Spanish Coalition for Jobs, Inc. officially changed its name to National Latino Education Institute (NLEI) to reflect the community they serve and the belief that education is a catalyst to success; and

WHEREAS, NLEI launches a unique bilingual digital literacy program--supported by a national tech leader-that increased educational access and computer competency through the first Bilingual Community Technology Center in the state of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, NLEI launched the Customer Service and Sales vocational training program in an effort to train qualified individuals for service and sales jobs that are high in demand - especially for those with bilingual/bicultural backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, first nationally accredited customer service and sales program for disadvantaged Latinos, which has since grown to become a business development program now used by several universities and post-secondary programs.

WHEREAS, in 2010, NLEI launches a Privately-funded STEM scholarship program over several years for Latinos including doctoral studies; and

WHEREAS, NLEI's Business Leadership Council expands and Wealth Education programming for the Latino community expands, including education in saving, investing, and asset building is formalized. The

first pilot gave participants significant stipends of cash for initial investments

WHEREAS in 2010, NLEI becomes a national competency-testing center of Allied Health occupations. In this year, NLEI broadened the organization's offerings to include disciplines in clinical settings, medical assisting, medical office management, healthcare customer service, nursing, pharmacy, cultural competencies, and technology.

WHEREAS, in 2011, A trade pathways program that graduates participants into living wage, sustainable careers catapulting NLEI to spin off its construction and energy training offerings.

WHEREAS, in 2011, Higher Education pathways launched enabling NLEI alumni to earn work credit and to earn customized bachelor degrees in business management and healthcare leadership with National Louis University and the University of Illinois demystifying the belief that a college degree is not attainable for NLEI participants.

WHEREAS, in 2011, Customized training expands for employers in retail, utilities, media, healthcare and transportation. Such have evolved into some of today's flagships for NLEI and other nonprofits as coalitions of best practices arose; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, NLEI launches its Hispanic Heritage Annual event;

WHEREAS, in 2012, NLEI hosts the Latino Veterans Awards and is approved for the American G.I. Bill; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, NLEI expands its community services to Aurora with a satellite site; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Health and wellness in core programming expands having been recognized by national organizations including Life Source, the Kidney Association, and Lung Association, among others.

WHEREAS, in 2013, NLEI's campus becomes an extension training site for corporations such as McDonald's Corporation.

WHEREAS, in 2014, The Emerging Leaders Board is established and;

WHEREAS, in 2014, NLEI becomes an IL Summer Youth Jobs grantee; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, NLEI receives capital funds to upgrade the facility; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, NLEI secures approvals for Bilingual Pharmacy Technician and Professional Office Management programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, NLEI launches a new training offerings in Renewable Energy; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, NLEI launches the Alumni Awards highlighting notable alumni; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, NLEI launches a new training offering in allied health for Healthcare Institutions in partnership with Advocate Aurora Healthcare; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, NLEI secures national accreditation renewal through 2023;and

WHEREAS, in 2021, NLEI is awarded funding for its campus on Pershing Road for enhanced safety and energy efficiency.

WHEREAS, each year NLEI places hundreds of job seekers in industrial, clerical and professional positions with over 300 companies and directly trains and places over 200 students annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the National Latino Education Institute (NLEI) on its 50th Anniversary.

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 the National Latino Education Institute (NLEI) in honor of its outstanding community work and may continue servicing the community.

[22-3391](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING KEI SMITH FOR BEING NAMED A HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN YOUTH AMBASSADOR

WHEREAS, Kei Smith has been named as part of the Class of 2022 as a HRC Youth Ambassador; and

WHEREAS, HRC Youth Ambassadors are part of HRC’s Youth Well-Being Program, a program dedicated to improving the lived experience of LGBTQ+ youth in everyday institutions of daily life-families, schools, after-school enrichment programs, community centers, health and wellness programs, child welfare, and other systems of care; and

WHEREAS, Kei and other Youth Ambassadors, will represent the HRC Foundation, adding their voices and experiences to raise awareness about the most pressing concerns facing LGBTQ+ youth and programs that promote well-being for LGBTQ+ youth; and,

WHEREAS, Kei Smith is a bisexual woman from the northwest suburbs and is a proud community college student; and

WHEREAS, Kei was a co-founder and President of the first LGBTQ+ Youth Advisory Council at the Kenneth Young Center in the 15th District; and

WHEREAS, through her work with the Kenneth Young Center, Kei has advocated at the local and state level with legislators to require LGBTQ+ training for counselors and other issue areas that affect the community; and

WHEREAS, Kei has continued to advocate for affirming mental health services, especially for communities of color, that she was fortunate enough to receive and which she has said helped her come out as a result; and

WHEREAS, Kei continues to work to destigmatize seeking mental health services and queerness; and

WHEREAS, Kei serves as an incredible example of a young person who is working to make our communities more welcoming and inclusive for all residents; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize Kei Smith for her extraordinary accomplishment of being named as HRC Youth Ambassador and for her continued good work bettering the lives of LGBTQ+ people in our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution is presented to Kei Smith.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MAY AS MONARCH BUTTERFLY MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Cook County and Illinois play a vital role in the migration pattern of monarch butterflies; and

WHEREAS, the population of eastern monarch butterfly has drastically decreased over the last 20+ years which has greatly threatened the species and has potential for broader impacts; and

WHEREAS, over the past two decades the monarch butterfly population has decreased more than 80 percent; and,

WHEREAS, this decline mirrors similar population loss across the country for other pollinator species; and

WHEREAS, in the Midwest, the decline in monarch population is largely attributed to loss of up to 70% milkweed habitat since 1999; and

WHEREAS, animals and humans alike rely on the activities of pollinator species for survival of ecosystems that provide food and shelter to countless plants and animals; and

WHEREAS, government, individual, and organization leaders across Illinois have come together to address this important conservation issue; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the Schaumburg Monarch Initiative, the Illinois Monarch Project, and Monarch Watch are vital to planting milkweed and rebuilding habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Schaumburg Monarch Initiative was founded by three local residents in the 15th District with a mission to inspire the local community to embrace and participate in the National Wildlife Federation's efforts to restore Monarch habitat throughout their Midwest breeding grounds including urban and suburban environments for the preservation of the endangered iconic Monarch butterfly; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, they worked with the Schaumburg Park District and a team of 60+ volunteers. Monarch rearing cages were built at the Spring Valley Nature Center and trained volunteers began raising monarchs from eggs; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, over 6,000 people attended Schaumburg Monarch Initiative events, and the organization was honored with a Governor's Hometown Award; and

WHEREAS, Cook County and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County will work closely with these groups and residents on doing everything possible to support restoration of monarch habitat; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioner May as Monarch Butterfly Month in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to the Schaumburg Monarch Initiative, the Illinois Monarch Project, and Monarch Watch.

WHEREAS, write your text in each clause, separate with a semicolon, each clause should end with