



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Virtual Meeting

Consent Agenda

Thursday, October 7, 2021, 10:00 AM

Third Set

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Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE HONORABLE HOWARD (HOWIE) CARROLL

WHEREAS, Howard ("Howie") W. Carroll, age 79, died on October 1, 2021. He was a born leader, statesman, voice for the voiceless, and storyteller extraordinaire. He was born in Chicago to the late Barney and Lyla Carroll. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Roosevelt University, studied in the first master's degree program in Urban Studies at Loyola University Chicago, and received his law degree from DePaul University College of Law. He practiced law in Chicago, Illinois and was of counsel to Kamensky Rubinstein Hochman and Delott, LLP; and

WHEREAS, Sen. Carroll was sworn into the Illinois House of Representatives from 1971 to 1973 and the Senate in 1973, where he served for 26 years from 1973 to 1999. He chaired the budget process for 16 years, was the longest serving budget chair in Illinois history, and became known as the person to see regarding the operations of Illinois and local governments. Subsequently, Sen. Carroll also gained recognition for his knowledge on health care and its delivery system in this state. He authored numerous bills focusing on equal rights and human rights, including the first in the country Hate Crimes bill, the first to include sexuality in the Human Rights Act, and CHIP, Illinois' Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan. While his achievements were many, all were accomplished with a keen wit and contagious laugh; and

WHEREAS, Sen. Carroll was elected the 50th Ward Chicago Democratic Committeeman and served in that capacity for 20 years; he also served as Treasurer for both Cook County and the Chicago Democratic Central Committees. Previously, Sen. Carroll served, through Presidential appointment, as the U.S. Representative on the Executive Committee of the Atlantic Alliance of Young Political Leaders. He is listed in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who of World Political Leaders*, *Oxford's Who's Who*, and *Marquis' Who's Who*, amongst other publications; and

WHEREAS, Sen. Carroll was affectionately known as the Forrest Gump of politics for his meetings with Presidents, Prime Ministers, and Mother Teresa, for his help stopping the Nazis from marching in Skokie in 1977; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2016, Senate President John Cullerton reappointed Carroll a member of the State Government Suggestion Award Board for a term expiring January 11, 2017. The State Government Suggestion Award Board administers the program that rewards state employees and members of the general public with a cash award for suggestions to improve the operation of state government that result

in substantial monetary savings to the state; and

WHEREAS, Sen. Carroll held a professorship on the complementary faculty of Rush College, having lectured in the Master's Program of Health Administration. He also lectured to many national associations on the art of negotiating, health care delivery, and in the areas of governmental operations and fiscal controls. On a local level, Sen. Carroll lectured in the areas of the laws of various governmental entities, real estate taxation and zoning, and advising business enterprises on governmental regulations, contracting, and hearing processes; and

WHEREAS, Sen. Carroll was a founder, Corporate Secretary, and member of the Executive Committee of Chicago Fiber Optics Corp. (d/b/a Metropolitan Fiber Systems of Chicago, Inc.); Metropolitan Fiber Systems (which became World Com, now MCI); Midway Air Transportation; and Midway Airlines. He was the Corporate Secretary, Board Member and General Counsel to InfrAegis, Inc., a company which develops Homeland Security products to protect facilities and save lives; and

WHEREAS, Sen. Carroll was a family man and deeply devoted to his Jewish faith. He served as Vice Chairman of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for a period of time and was seated on its Board of Directors. Sen. Carroll also served as Vice Chair of the Board of the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts Foundation, a performing arts venue in Skokie, Illinois that he helped create. He was also a Trustee of Michael Reese Health Trust and an Officer of the Weiss Memorial Hospital Foundation as well as on the Board of several other charitable institutions; and

WHEREAS, Sen. Carroll is survived by his beloved wife Eda Carroll nee Stagman, daughters Jacqueline (Louis Bernstein) Carroll and Barbara Carroll (Dan) Delano and granddaughters Lillian and Alyssa. He is predeceased by his late brothers, Ira L. and Earl A. Carroll.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County honors the life and contributions of the Honorable Howard Carroll, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; 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 the same be tendered to the family of the Honorable Howard Carroll.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COOK COUNTY RECOGNIZES OCTOBER 2021 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, October is nationally known as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and a time to uplift the experiences and resilience of survivors, as well as educate and support households experiencing this hardship; 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, intimate partner violence can happen to anyone at any point in a relationship, and affects people of all ages as well as all racial, ethnic, gender, economic, and religious backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, women are disproportionately victims of domestic violence, as 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men ages 18 and older will experience domestic violence at some point in their life; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 37.7% of women in Illinois and 25.9% of men in Illinois experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, a June 2020 report from The Network indicated that there were 2,458 domestic violence related incidents documented by the Cook County Sheriff's Office in 2019 alone; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline received 28,749 calls for help in 2020, a 16% increase from the previous year, including a staggering 936 text messages requesting assistance compared to just 37 messages the year before; and

WHEREAS, according to the Institute for Women's Policy Research, approximately 40% of Black women and 34.4% of Latina women will endure domestic violence at some point in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Black women experience intimate partner violence at a rate 35% higher than that of white females, and about 2.5 times the rate of women of all other races, and Black women are also less likely

than white women to use social services, support programs, or go to the hospital because of domestic violence, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Feminist Majority Foundation; and

WHEREAS, 63% of victimized Latinas experience multiple acts of victimization, Latinx victims are less likely to tell health care workers, and Latinx victims report seeking local shelters less than women from other ethnic/racial groups due to language barriers and fear of immigration enforcement; and

WHEREAS, noncitizen victims of domestic violence report heightened concerns with accessing law enforcement and services due to uncertainty arising from changing immigration policies and heightened immigration enforcement; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ domestic violence victims face barriers unique to their status, such as lack of access to domestic violence shelters, according to the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs; and

WHEREAS, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we acknowledge the progress made in this field and 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, this month, we recognize the unique circumstances faced by survivors and individuals facing domestic violence due to the public health crisis of COVID-19 and the negative impact it has had on the delivery of social services and access to resources; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, domestic violence hotlines across the United States receive approximately 21,000 calls a day, an average of close to 15 calls every minute; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence who worked with advocates experienced less violence over time, reported higher quality of life and social support, and had less difficulty obtaining community resources over time, according to the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence; and

WHEREAS, anyone who is or knows someone who is experiencing domestic abuse of any kind is encouraged to call the Domestic Violence Hotline at (877)863-6338; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Women's Commission has passionately advocated for women and girls since its inception in 1995 and their July 2021 report issued recommendations for better access to services for survivors of gender-based violence that resulted in hours of dialogue among Cook County Commissioners about increasing access to the court system for survivors of domestic abuse; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to increase resources for programs aimed at intervening in and preventing domestic violence in Cook County and throughout the United States; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends domestic violence victim advocates, victim service providers, crisis hotline staff and first

responders for their compassionate support of survivors of domestic violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cook County commits to continuing to raise awareness of domestic violence and the corresponding devastating effects of domestic violence on survivors, families, and communities, and to supporting and advancing evidence-based solutions to prevent abuse, prosecute perpetrators, and support victims and their families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners officially recognizes October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and call on the Cook County community to reaffirm their commitment to speaking out against domestic violence, assist victims in finding the help and healing they need, and work collaboratively to ending domestic violence in all communities.