



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

**Consent Agenda**

**Thursday, March 13, 2025, 9:00 AM**

**Consent Agenda - Issued on: 3/7/2025**

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Pursuant to Cook County Code, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Consent Calendar Resolutions for your consideration. The Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

[25-1601](#)

**Sponsored by:** BILL LOWRY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, TARA S. STAMPS, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, DONNA MILLER, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, MAGGIE TREVOR, JOHN P. DALEY, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOSINA MORITA and BRIDGET DEGNEN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOTHER MARY M. HOLCOMB**

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners pauses to celebrate the remarkable life and enduring legacy of Mother Mary Magdalene Holcomb, a woman of faith, strength, and unwavering devotion, who departed this life peacefully on Sunday, February 16, 2025, at 5:05 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Holcomb was born on October 10, 1926, in D'Lo, Mississippi, to Willie and Linnie **Barnes**, and was raised in a time of immense societal and economic challenges, which shaped her into a woman of resilience and grace; and

**WHEREAS**, she witnessed the tireless labor of her parents, who worked grueling hours as field hands picking cotton in the 1930s. Tragedy struck her family when, at the tender age of thirteen (13), she suffered the loss of her father to heat stroke. The death of her father was a defining moment in Mary's life, which strengthened her resolve and deepened her faith; and

**WHEREAS**, her beloved mother, Ma Linnie, later remarried James Burrows, expanding their family with four siblings, Estus Barnes, Gertrude Stenhouse, Lonnie Barnes, and Gertis Anderson, all of whom preceded her in death; and

**WHEREAS**, at the age of thirteen (13), Mary Magdalene Holcomb professed her faith and was baptized, beginning a lifelong commitment to serving the Lord. Upon relocating to Chicago, Illinois, she became a devoted and steadfast member of Union Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Little, where her faith remained unshaken. Her favorite scripture, Psalm 27, served as a source of strength and guidance throughout her life; and

**WHEREAS**, in a beautiful union of love and commitment, Mary Magdalene Holcomb married Herbert Holcomb in 1940 while he was on military leave from the United States Army. Mary resided in Oak Grove, Louisiana, during his military service in World War II, and upon his return, they moved to Chicago to be near their cherished family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Holcomb dedicated herself wholeheartedly to her family as a full-time mother and homemaker, ensuring a foundation of love, faith, and discipline for her children. Following the passing of her beloved husband, she entered the workforce, demonstrating resilience as she took on various jobs, including serving as a nurse's aide, before retiring in 1990 from Oak Park Oasis Skilled Nursing Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Mary Holcomb was the matriarch of a large and loving family who affectionately called her "Big Ma". Mary was blessed with eight children: Eloise Betty Jefferson, Herbert Holcomb Jr., William Holcomb, Sherry Smith, Mary Holcomb, Billy Holcomb, Bessie Holcomb, and Patricia Huggins. She was the proud grandmother of 23 grandchildren, including Secretary to the Cook County Board of Commissioners, Lynne Holcomb Turner; great-grandmother of 50 great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandmother of 23 great-great-grandchildren. Mary's home was the heart of family gatherings, where she nurtured traditions, fostered unity, and provided an abundance of love; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Holcomb was a beloved and proud resident of the Austin community for 54 years, where she built lifelong friendships and served as a beacon of wisdom and faith. In March 2023, she embraced the next phase of her life with grace, moving to Warren Barr Senior Residence in Orland Park, where she continued to exude joy and appreciation for the simple pleasures of life-cherishing family time, car rides, desserts, dining out, and the privilege of worshipping whenever possible; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Holcomb found profound joy in her faith and took great pride in attending services at New Spiritual Light Missionary Baptist Church with her family whenever her health permitted. Mary lived

each day on her own terms, embodying grace, wisdom, and unwavering devotion until the Lord called her home in a peaceful transition; and

**WHEREAS**, Mother Holcomb’s departure leaves an irreplaceable void in the hearts of her loved ones. She leaves to cherish her memory her devoted daughter, Patricia Huggins (Bernard), 23 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, 23 great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, a host of relatives, friends, and her beloved church family at Union Missionary Baptist Church, whom she deeply adored;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, extend their deepest condolences to the family of Mother Mary M. Holcomb, honoring her life of service, faith, and love that has left an indelible impact on all who knew her; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a formal copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Mother Mary M. Holcomb, as a tribute to her enduring legacy and the profound influence she had on her community, family, and church.

[25-1693](#)

**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COMMEMORATING WORLD DOULA DAY AND DOULA WEEK IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, March 22, 2025, marks the globally recognized World Doula Day, coinciding with the commencement of Doula Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of World Doula Day and Doula Week serves as a poignant reminder of the invaluable contributions made by doulas worldwide, recognizing their unwavering dedication to supporting women, newborns, and families during the profound journey of childbirth and the postpartum period; and

**WHEREAS**, doulas play an instrumental role in fostering the physiological, social, emotional, and psychological well-being of individuals and families, offering guidance, advocacy, and compassionate care throughout the birthing process and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, in Cook County we underscore the significance of acknowledging and celebrating the tireless efforts of doulas, emphasizing the importance of empowering these essential caregivers who enhance the childbirth experience and promote holistic health outcomes for mothers, infants, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, Doula Week provides a platform to raise awareness, honor the legacy, and highlight the pivotal role of doulas in advocating for informed decision-making, maternal autonomy, and inclusive support systems within diverse communities worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Health recently launched their 1st Doula Program, which will encompass a 3-year, \$3 million effort to support the physical and emotional of mother before, during, and after pregnancy and improve maternal health outcomes in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Doula services not only are shown to improve maternal health outcomes, but are a way of reducing costs associated with maternal mortality and morbidity due to less dependence on pain medication; shorter duration of labor-less time in the hospital; fewer operative deliveries, such as C-section episiotomy (a cut on the vagina to facilitate birth); higher APGAR (newborn) scores; decreased infant mortality; and decreased maternal mortality;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners in conjunction with World Doula Day and World Doula Week hereby recognizes and commemorates March 22, 2025, as Doula Day and March 22nd - March 28th as Doula Week in Cook County and extends heartfelt appreciation to all doulas in Cook County and across the United States; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this body encourages individuals, organizations, and communities to actively participate in commemorating World Doula Day and Doula Week, acknowledging the profound impact of doulas in nurturing positive birth experiences, fostering maternal-infant bonding, and promoting the well-being of families across the world; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body as a testament to our collective commitment to honoring and uplifting the vital contributions of doulas in creating a more compassionate and equitable society.

[25-1694](#)

**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DR. KISHA E. McCASKILL, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, MICHAEL SCOTT JR., TARA S. STAMPS and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF CHICAGO ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners wish to honor extraordinary events and those who celebrate them; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago has worked tirelessly for 50 years to ensure

that organizations and residents work together to enhance lives; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1975, NHS has recognized the impact of race, income and social status on a person's housing security, and know homeownership has a foundational role to play in community development and closing the racial wealth gap; and

**WHEREAS**, NHS teams work to stabilize and revitalize low and moderate-income communities throughout the greater Chicagoland area and suburbs to correct the inequities and end the exploitative practices that create housing insecurity; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago has consistently highlighted the work of community leaders and organizations, empowering people to act so they can achieve their goals of establishing safer, more secure housing and healthier, thriving communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago has dedicated over 50 years to fostering neighborhood success, empowerment, pride, and unity, working in collaboration with nearly 250 organizations in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago has significantly contributed to advancing homeownership, financial literacy, and community investment in Chicago, ensuring that residents have access to stable and affordable housing opportunities;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby proclaims March 15th, 2025, to be Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago Day and urge all citizens to participate in the activities planned by Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago in honor of this historic milestone; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, we honor and congratulate Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago on its 50th Anniversary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

[25-1690](#)

**Sponsored by:** TARA S. STAMPS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **ACKNOWLEDGING WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Down syndrome is a genetic and physical disorder caused by an extra 21st chromosome in the human body, and;

**WHEREAS**, Down syndrome is the most frequently occurring chromosomal condition, and;

**WHEREAS**, there is an estimated six million people with Down syndrome worldwide and more than 200,000 in the United States, and;

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, Down syndrome is prevalent in one (1) in every 700 live births, and;

**WHEREAS**, World Down Syndrome Day is March 21st every year. The 21st day of the 3rd month represents the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome, and;

**WHEREAS**, World Down Syndrome Day has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012, and;

**WHEREAS**, the goal is to bring awareness and support for those with Down syndrome, and;

**WHEREAS**, the theme for World Down Syndrome Day is “Improve Our Support Systems,” and;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the theme, all levels of government are called to offer support and inclusion for people with Down syndrome and to offer support to their families and caregivers, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby acknowledge March 21st as World Down Syndrome Day and the theme of support and inclusion, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be archived as a token of the esteem held by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Board of Commissioners and be deferred to the Health and Hospitals Committee for further discussion and a public hearing.

[25-1711](#)

**Sponsored by:** TARA S. STAMPS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY CENTRAL REGION**

**WHEREAS**, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Central Region was established in 1925 by seven Black women educators at Butler University in Indiana; and,

**WHEREAS**, since its inception, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Central Region has focused on uplifting the community through sisterhood, leadership, and service, through programs designed to address maternal and infant outcomes for Black women and helping young women grow into well-rounded students and productive citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Central Region currently has 43 Graduate Chapters and 56 Undergraduate Chapters across Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. In addition to, the Canadian Divisions of Windsor, Ontario, and west to Saskatchewan as well as Baffin Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Queen Elizabeth Islands and Germany; and,

**WHEREAS**, notable Chicago alumnae of the sorority include Congresswoman Robin Kelly, State Representative Debbie Meyers Martin, Treasurer Melissa Conyers-Ervin, Chicago Police Department Commander Davina Ward, and Chicago Deputy Chief of Police Senora Ben, among others; and,

**WHEREAS**, other Sigma Gamma Rho Alumnae include Hattie McDaniel, the first African American to win an Oscar, Mary T. Washington Wylie, the first Black woman CPA and Dr. Annie Lawrence Brown, the first Black president of the Illinois Nurses Association; and,

**WHEREAS**, with “Greater Service, Greater Progress” as its motto, the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Central Region has been a beacon of light for all women for the past 100 years; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby recognize the 100th anniversary of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Central Region.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be archived as a token of the esteem held by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Central Region on the occasion of its Centennial Celebration; express to it our heartfelt gratitude for its exemplary service to women across the world.