



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY**

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

**BOARD AGENDA**

**Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 9:00 AM**

**Consent Calendar Meeting**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Pursuant to Cook County Code of Ordinances, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon at this time to deliver testimony germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three (3) minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

**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.

[17-5229](#)

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****HONORING THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW FOR RECEIVING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Counties (NACo) awarded the Cook County Board of Review its Achievement Award for the Board's Digital Appeals Processing System (DAPS); and

**WHEREAS**, the Achievement Award honors innovative, effective county government programs that enhance services for residents; and

**WHEREAS**, DAPS transformed the office from a paper-based process to a digital enterprise content management system. The system opened an online portal for constituents and created an internal digital workflow for analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, previously, the Board of Review stored more than 10 million paper pages, which was slow, inefficient and lacked transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, DAPS has created an easier process for taxpayers to file appeals, upload evidence and view results online; and

**WHEREAS**, DAPS also streamlined the Board of Review staff, allowing staff members to review and decide appeals electronically; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result, the number of appeals to the Board of Review increased 350% over the last

decade; and

**WHEREAS**, after a four year process and a 15 month implantation, DAPS was finished under budget and on time; and

**WHEREAS**, in its first year of DAPS' implementation, the Board of Review reviewed the most ever appeals, with over 476,000 people appealing; and

**WHEREAS**, DAPS has shortened the wait times for taxpayers requesting hearings; and

**WHEREAS**, DAPS has allowed the Board of Review to keep its current headcount and budget static, even with a record number of appeals; and

**WHEREAS**, awards are given in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement and many more.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million people of Cook County, Congratulates the Cook County Board of Review on the receipt of the NACO Achievement Award for Information Technology; 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 Cook County Board of Review Commissioners Larry Rogers, Jr., Michael Cabonargi and Dan Patlak as a token of this Honorable Body's appreciation.

[17-5329](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

### **VETERANS DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally proclaimed holiday on November 11, 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson to honor the end of World War I; and

**WHEREAS**, November 11, subsequently declared a legal holiday in 1938, was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day". In 1954, at the urging of veterans organizations, the 1938 Act was amended by replacing Armistice Day with Veterans Day; and

**WHEREAS**, from the Revolutionary War to the present day, the contributions made to the United States of America by her citizen soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who stand in our place to defend the

freedoms we enjoy cannot be calculated; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Cook has the largest veteran population in this state with 224,000 veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Cook has always honored the immeasurable wartime and peacetime contributions and sacrifice of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans still give thanks to veterans for their service on Veterans Day with ceremonies and speeches and at 11 a.m. many Americans observe a moment of silence in remembrance of those who fought and for those who gave their lives to preserve the freedom we now enjoy; and

**WHEREAS**, the willingness of our citizens who have answered the call to duty to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, in defense of our democratic principles, gives this great Nation continued strength and vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, even today, members of the military are stationed throughout the world, while their families remain in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, families praying for the safe return of loved ones experience everyday life in a very different way than others, as their everyday thoughts and feelings never stray far from those they honor and are proud of for serving this great nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the willingness of our citizens who have answered the call to duty to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, in defense of our democratic principles; and

**WHEREAS**, Veterans Day is a day set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military for their service - in wartime or peacetime; and

**WHEREAS**, the commemoration of this day is a matter of historic and patriotic significance to all American citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize November 11, 2017 as Veterans Day and ask that on this day of October 24, 2017 we honor all citizens to express their gratitude to our veterans; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, with respect and gratitude, we salute all of our veterans, remembering “all gave some and some gave all” and devote special attention to those veterans who are sick and disabled, and show them through our actions that we remember and honor them.

[17-5439](#)

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH CENTURY OF SERVICE**

**WHEREAS,** Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago is an integral part of the history of South Chicago. It is currently located at 9104 South Baltimore in Chicago, IL. Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago was organized in 1917, with ten (10) members and Reverend Frank Gaskin as the pastor; and

**WHEREAS,** The growth of Pilgrim required strength and faith. The church has had only six pastors, each of them, having a tremendous spiritual impact on the community. Each Pastor provided structure, guidance, and leadership within the church and throughout the community. Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago has been a blessing and sanctuary for many; and

**WHEREAS,** The popularity of Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago physical building escalated because of scenes in several movies, *The Blues Brothers*, and the featuring the church in several episodes of *The Women of Brewster Place* and *The Mike and Molly Show*; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2006, during the celebration of the 89th anniversary, a flameless fire ravished the physical building of the church, and scorched the spiritual building of the soul. The fire opened many doors for blessings as other churches showed love through many acts of kindness and after six (6) months, the church was fully restored; and

**WHEREAS,** Pilgrim's growth has been phenomenal. New ministries have been formed, including the Feeding of the Hunger Program. Pilgrim's membership was trained in GOD's way for giving Tithing. The congregation continues to grow with children and youth ministries being added, to enhance their spiritual growth and showcase their gifts and talents; and

**WHEREAS,** Reverend Corwin D. Lasenby, Sr., has been the pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago for the past 4 years. Reverend Lasenby loves the LORD, he is focused on feeding his flock. His vision referred to as the 4 'R's is to Reach, Revive, Restore and Retain all whom the LORD sends to Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago. His ministry of 'all translates into All praying, All working, All studying; All ministering. Reverend Lasenby believes that all of GOD's children have a place in ministry; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2013 Pastor Lasenby Sr., his wife Tracey and family came to Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago with a willingness to serve. He began his journey here working, and building up, and replacing all things that were not operating properly and adding new elements where needed. Under his leadership all Sunday morning worship services are now live streamed via TruthCasting. The churches website is ablaze with all of the activities depicting GOD's Will. Pastor Lasenby Sr. preaches with power

and our worship experience is enhanced by his demonstrative sermons. Sermons seem to come alive as you watch him and listen to him preach!; and

**WHEREAS**, GOD adds to the church as he sees fit; therefore, the congregation at Pilgrim has grown to include more than 700 members. Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago's mission statement of 'CREATING AND CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF WORSHIP THAT GLORIFIES JESUS CHRIST', epitomizes the worship experience that is enjoyed at Pilgrim every Sunday by Reverend Lasenby. On September 24, 2017, Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago celebrates its'100th year church anniversary; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize the 100th year Anniversary of Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Reverend Corwin D. Lasenby, Sr. in recognition of this momentous occasion.

[17-5469](#)

**Sponsored by:** EDWARD M. MOODY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING ARAB AMERICAN FAMILY SERVICES 10TH ANNUAL WALK IN FAITH NOT IN FEAR**

**WHEREAS**, Arab American Family Services is a social service agency founded in 2001 providing caring, compassionate assistance to (South Suburban) Chicagoland residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Arab American Family Services offers support in a number of areas of including public benefits, immigration, domestic violence, mental health, and elderly services and sponsors outreach programs to build healthier families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Arab American Family Services strives to fulfill its mission to serve not only Arab Americans but any families, individuals, or those in need by providing them access to services; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of October is recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Arab American Family Services is fulfilling its mission in advocating for and supporting these causes by holding their 10th Annual Walk in Faith Not if Fear for Domestic Violence and Cancer on October 28, 2017; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does recognize Arab American Family Services for their leadership in their community and thanks them for hosting their 10th Annual Walk in Faith Not in Fear; 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 same be tendered to Arab American Family Services.

[17-5513](#)

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**JAMES P. VERROS, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called James P. Verros from our midst, and

**WHEREAS**, James P. Verros was born in Nestani, Greece, and

**WHEREAS**, James P. Verros was the loving husband of Georgia for 56 years, and

**WHEREAS**, James P. Verros was the dear father of Angie (John) Spagoletti, and

**WHEREAS**, James P. Verros was the loving grandfather (papou) to Jimmy, and

**WHEREAS**, James P. Verros was the beloved son of the late Prokopi and Angeliki Verros; and

**WHEREAS**, James P. Verros was the dear brother of the late Peter (Voula), George (Irma), Dino (Georgia) and Petros (Sophia); and

**WHEREAS**, James P. Verros was the adored uncle to many nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that James P. Verros was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family, now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of James P. Verros, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss, and

**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 the family of James P. Verros, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[17-5588](#)

**Sponsored by:** EDWARD M. MOODY and SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING CRISIS CENTER FOR SOUTH SUBURBIA DURING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the month of October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month which evolved from the "Day of Unity" held in October 1981 and conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence victim advocates, domestic violence service providers, domestic violence first responders, and other individuals use this month to increase awareness of the issue during this month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, which has advocated and provided services for those impacted by domestic violence since 1979, has worked tirelessly since that time to provide a safe haven for women and children forced to flee violence of their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crisis Center of South Suburbia offers an array of services and programs aimed at prevention, education, intervention, and advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crisis Center for South Suburbia fulfills the mission of Domestic Violence Awareness Month by mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crisis Center for South Suburbia is coordinating and participating in a variety of events in October in reflection of Domestic Violence Awareness Month including a Dance 4 Awareness raising money for victims and survivors of Domestic Violence on October 14, 2017; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on the behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and thanks the Crisis Center of South Suburbia for their exemplary work; and

**BE IT FURTHER 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 Crisis Center for South Suburbia.



[17-5658](#)

**Sponsored by:** JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE 90th BIRTHDAY OF NOEL B. CUMMINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are proud to congratulate Noel B. Cummings, Village of Hodgkins President, on the occasion and celebration of his 90th birthday on October 19, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Noel B. Cummings was born in Burnsville, Mississippi, on October 19, 1927 and attended Pumpkin Center grade school and high school in Burnsville, Mississippi and North Eastern Mississippi Junior College; and

**WHEREAS**, Noel B. Cummings married the late Nelda Benick Cummings on August 25, 1945, and had two children together, their son Daniel and daughter Sherry; and

**WHEREAS**, Noel B. Cummings proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II from 1945 to 1947 stationed in Germany; and

**WHEREAS**, Noel B. Cummings retired from the International Harvester Company where he was employed for twenty-eight years as a supervisor; and

**WHEREAS**, Noel B. Cummings has been a resident of Hodgkins for the past 48 years, where he served as Village Trustee from 1975 to 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, Noel B. Cummings was elected Village President in 1980 and continues to serve in that position as a devoted public servant and member of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Noel B. Cummings has had numerous accomplishments throughout his tenure as President, such as creating the McCook-Hodgkins Enterprise Zone in 1985, annexation of 250 acres of unincorporated land resulting in the United Parcel Service creating a hub for jobs to the area, and creating a TIF district for the creation of the Quarry Shopping Center, among numerous other endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, we commend Noel B. Cummings on achieving a long and fulfilling life and enriching the lives of everyone in his community, and we wish him continued happiness and good health in the future.

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

our congratulations and best wishes to Noel B. Cummings on the occasion of his 90th birthday celebration and continued success as the President of the Village of Hodgkins; 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 Noel B. Cummings in honor of his 90th Birthday.

[17-5669](#)

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL: 100 YEARS OF EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN**

**WHEREAS**, in 1917, five Sinsinawa Dominican sisters traveled from southwestern Wisconsin to River Forest to found a Catholic college for girls; and

**WHEREAS**, money was tight during World War I so the sisters decided to start with a high school, utilizing an existing building on the land they had purchased; and

**WHEREAS**, by 1922, the high school, called Rosary House, was a four-year school with a its first graduating class of 28; and

**WHEREAS**, Trinity High School was chartered in 1925, and the new Trinity High School opened its doors in September of 1926; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1933, Trinity was awarded a first-class rating. At a time when only 33 percent of the adult population in the U.S. had ever enrolled in high school, Trinity was sending approximately 75 percent of its students to college; and

**WHEREAS**, in December of 1941, Trinity students, now numbering 700, sold War Bonds and Stamps and were frequently recognized by the U.S. government for their impressive efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1961, ground was broken for a new addition, and by 1968 the faculty consisted of 37 sisters, 24 lay teachers, two priests and a student population of 1,200; and

**WHEREAS**, with the influence of the Women's Movement in the 1970's, Trinity's curriculum grew to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing society, and this effort was rewarded with scholarships and other recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, Trinity's tradition of academic excellence continued with the introduction of the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) program inaugurated in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, Trinity anticipated the next millennium in 1998 by building a Technology Center and went on in the early 2000's to renovate the library and chapel and build a new athletic facility; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, Trinity's IB program was named one of the best in the country. By choosing to remain a single-gender school, Trinity affirms its commitment to the needs of young women, challenging and preparing them to be tomorrow's leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, November 5th, Trinity will open its Centennial Celebration with a mass and reception in the auditorium celebrated by Reverend Monsignor Velo.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the students, alumni, faculty, and staff as they celebrate the school's centennial.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a ceremonial copy of this resolution be tendered to Trinity High School as an expression of appreciation for its educational tradition and achievements.

[17-5782](#)

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE RONALD MCDONALD GLOBAL DAY OF CHANGE**

**WHEREAS**, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicago and Northwest Indiana supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families throughout the Cook County metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald McDonald Houses in Cook County provide lodging, meals and support to families with children receiving treatment at local hospitals and medical centers; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald McDonald Family Rooms offer parents a place to rest and regroup inside hospitals while remaining near their child; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald McDonald House Charities strive to create a community where children and their families embrace life and healing with a sense of hope, enthusiasm, courage and joy; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016 Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicago and Northwest Indiana provided services to 1,512 children with their Care Mobile, assisted 63 scholars attending college, and their Houses and Family Rooms have supported 4,960 families during their most difficult and stressful times; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicago and Northwest Indiana participated in the Ronald McDonald House Charities Global Day of Change on October 16, 2017, which commemorated the opening of the first Ronald McDonald House in October of 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, the Global Day of Change was an opportunity to remind customers, donors, volunteers and communities that, by dropping spare change into a donation box at a local McDonald's, they are helping countless families in their time of greatest need; and

**WHEREAS**, spare change dropped in donation boxes helped raise approximately \$28 million last year in the United States for Ronald McDonald House Charities and the families they serve.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby express their sincerest gratitude to McDonald's Corporation, their management, employees, owner-operators and volunteers for their charitable efforts and their support of families battling child illnesses throughout Cook County and congratulate them on the great success of their Global Day of Change; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to McDonald's Corporation as evidence of the esteem in which they are held by this Honorable Body and the residents of Cook County.

[17-5802](#)

**Sponsored by:** DENNIS DEER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN "WE DON'T SERVE TEENS," AN INITIATIVE BY THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, CONSTELLATION BRANDS BEER DIVISION, AND COOK COUNTY BEER DISTRIBUTORS AND RETAILERS TO ENLIST PARENTS AND OTHER ADULTS TO FIGHT UNDERAGE DRINKING**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is home to many of the top middle schools, high schools, colleges, and universities in the United States, and during September thousands of students are beginning the fall semester with enthusiasm and great hope to advance in their studies;

**WHEREAS**, for several years, Cook County has recognized the Federal Trade Commission's "We Don't Serve Teens" consumer education campaign as a valuable resource to raise awareness among parents, educators, and other adults that furnishing alcohol to minors is illegal and that common-sense measures can further reduce illegal underage drinking and the dangers caused by underage drinking to teens themselves and to the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) indicates that progress has continued for more than a decade in reducing underage drinking, but it remains a serious public health problem for adolescents and young adults; and

**WHEREAS**, underage drinking is illegal and persons under the age of 21 are subject to arrest, fines, and

criminal records for possession of alcohol beverages or driving after consumption of a single drink; and

**WHEREAS**, a substantial proportion of college students are under the age of 21 and face significantly higher risks than their non-college peers of injury or death from assault, car crashes, and other accidents after illegally consuming alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Illinois Youth Survey clearly indicates the importance that family members can play in reducing young adolescents' access to alcohol and the associated risks of injury and the early onset of serious health problems; and

**WHEREAS**; the guidance from the National Institute on Alcohol and Alcoholism stresses the roles that parents can play in shaping young people's attitudes toward drinking by talking about the dangers of drinking, serving as positive role models in general, not making alcohol available, and communicating with their children; and

**WHEREAS**, the consequences of illegal underage drinking are often tragic, and all of these hazards are preventable with a sincere commitment of parents, guardians, and concerned citizens to remain invoiced in the lives of their younger family members, friends and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, We Don't Serve Teens provides concerned adults and teens with useful information on the dangers of underage drinking, the manner in which most teens procure alcohol, the costs of violating the law, and strategies to overcome peer pressure and other negative influences; and

**WHEREAS**, We Don't Serve Teens information is available at a web site established by the Federal Trade Commission, [www.dontserveteens.gov](http://www.dontserveteens.gov); and the information will be publicized by Cook County-based Constellation Brands Beer Division on billboards, digital ads, bus shelter posters, and at retailers during the month of September; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Cook County commends the Federal Trade Commission for its efforts to protect our teens and the general public and endorses the basic message: Don't serve alcohol to teens; it's unsafe, illegal, and irresponsible; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Cook County calls upon all licensed alcohol beverage retailers to actively participate in We Don't Serve Teens outreach efforts to their customers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Cook County commends Constellation Brands Beer Division, Cook County beer distributors, and Cook County alcohol beverage retailers for their many years of sustained support for We Don't Serve Teens; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Cook County calls upon all parents, civic leaders, and other adults involved in the lives of teens to post the We Don't Serve Teens logo on their social network pages and to utilize the information available from this initiative to increase awareness of the measures they can take to further reduce underage drinking in Cook County.

[17-5805](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President) and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the month of October is recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States about 1 in 8 women (about 12%) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, an estimated 252,170 new cases of invasive breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 63,410 new cases of non-invasive (in situ ) breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, about 2,470 new cases of invasive breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed in men in 2017. A man's lifetime risk of breast cancer is about 1 in 1,000; and

**WHEREAS**, Breast cancer incidence rates in the U.S. began decreasing in the year 2000, after increasing for the previous two decades. They dropped by 7% from 2002 to 2003 alone; and

**WHEREAS**, one theory is that this decrease was partially due to the reduced use of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) by woman after the results of a large study called the Women's Health Initiative were published in 2002. These results suggested a connection between HRT and increased breast cancer risk; and

**WHEREAS**, about 40,610 women in the United States were expected to die in 2017 from breast cancer, though death rates have been decreasing since 1989, with larger decreases in women under the age of 50. These decreases are thought to be result of treatment advances, earlier detection through screening, and increased awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, for women in the United States, breast cancer death rates are higher than those for any other cancer, besides lung cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, white women are slightly more likely to develop breast cancer than African-American women. However, in women under 45, breast cancer is more common in African-American women than white women. Overall, African - American women are more likely to die of breast cancer. Asian, Hispanic, and Native-American women have a lower risk of developing and dying from breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, there are more the 3.1 million women with a history of breast cancer in the United States. This includes women currently being treated and women who have finished treatment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of more than 5.20 million residents of Cook County, do hereby take this opportunity to acknowledge Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.