



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Monday, May 24, 2021

Public Hearing

Virtual Meeting

1:30 PM

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a virtual public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, email address, phone number, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized virtual public speakers shall be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Cook County, IL currently occupies territory that Sovereign Nations, including the Potawatomi, Ojibwe and Odawa, Ho-Chunk, Miami, Sac and Fox, Peoria, Illini and many others consider to be a part of their historical and modern day homelands; and

WHEREAS, Cook County, has a responsibility to support diversity, equity and inclusion from all communities, however, this effort must begin with acknowledging and reconciling with the fact that America's Native peoples were systematically removed and killed in order to provide economic opportunities to European settlers on this land; and

WHEREAS, Cook County recognizes that Native Americans in the county make up the ninth largest Urban Native community in the country who continue to practice their cultural traditions, caretaking of the land and educating others about the American Native perspective; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was proposed to the United Nations in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations as a way to bring education around the ongoing impact of colonization and awareness of genocide committed against Native Peoples; and

WHEREAS, Cook County, IL has always been home to American Native Nations with vibrant cultural traditions and relationships to the land. This land has a violent history of genocide and removal that must be acknowledged and reconciled in order to create a County where diversity, equity and inclusion are the cornerstone of policies and procedures.

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity for celebration of Indigenous cultures and contributions to the County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the second Monday in October shall exclusively be recognized as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Cook County in perpetuity.

Legislative History : 12/17/20 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Legislation and Intergovernmen

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

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Sec. 2-107. - Board of Commissioners; meetings of the Board.

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(i) *Order of business.*

- (1) At each regular meeting of the Board, the order of business (unless otherwise directed by the Board) is as follows:

- a. Public testimony.
 - b. New business.
 - c. Committee items requiring board action.
- (2) All questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided by the presiding officer, without debate, subject to appeal.
- (3) Meetings of the Board may commence with a prayer or invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance
- (4) The County Board shall break for lunch from Noon to 12:45 p.m. or as soon as is practical thereafter on days of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Committees, and Subcommittees.
- (5) The County Board shall commence full Board of Commissioner meetings with a Native American Land Acknowledgement that has had input from Native American residents of Cook County

Effective Date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect immediately upon adoption

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Secretary

Chairman: Suffredin
Vice-Chairman: Britton
Members: Committee of the Whole