



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Virtual Meeting**

**Consent Agenda**

**Thursday, April 15, 2021, 10:00 AM**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING PAMELA F. RODRIGUEZ**

**WHEREAS**, Pamela F. Rodriguez, recently retired as President & CEO TASC, Inc., 700 S. Clinton St. Chicago, IL 60607, Cook County, Illinois;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Rodriguez was highly qualified for the work she undertook earning a BS in Social Work at Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN in 1978 and an MA in Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL in 1982;

**WHEREAS** Ms. Rodriguez worked at TASC, Inc. of Illinois (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities) from 1982 on serving as Executive Vice President, Regional Administrator and Quality Manager;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Rodriguez served on many boards and commission with distinction including: O Addiction Policy Forum - Advisory Board Cook County (IL), Commission on Social Innovation - Past Member, Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (independent organization in the US executive branch), Practitioner Member by appointment on the Illinois Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice, Past Advisory Board Member Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery, Advisory Council Illinois Juvenile Justice Leadership Council, Illinois Human Services Commission, National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP), Board of Directors of Redeploy Illinois, Oversight Board of Texas Christian University Criminal Justice Partner / Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Treatment Studies (CJ DATS) Steering Committee; Past Member Women's Justice Institute Task Force - Co-chair;

**WHEREAS**, Ms Rodriguez wrote numerous articles Substance Abuse and Criminal Justice Issues including: Rodriguez, P.F. (2011). Case management for substance abusing offenders. In C. Leukefeld, T.P. Gullotta & J. Gregrich (Eds.), Handbook of evidence-based substance abuse treatment in criminal justice settings (173- 181). New York: Springer; Wexler, H.,Lurigio, A., & Rodriguez, P. (2011). Reforming the Criminal Justice System in the United States Issues and Recommendations. The Prison Journal, 91, 1S-11S; Rodriguez, P. F., & Baille, D. M. (2010). Reforming our expectations about juvenile justice. Reclaiming Children and Youth, 19(2), 43-46; Heaps, M. M., Lurigio, A. J., Rodriguez, P., Lyons, T., & Brookes, L. (2009). Recovery-oriented care for drug- abusing offenders. Addiction Science & Clinical Practice, 5(1), 31-36.

**WHEREAS** Ms. Rodriguez brought her unique vision, outstanding administrative skills, and refreshing common sense to every activity she undertook; and grasped the big picture while mastering the details;

**WHEREAS** Ms. Rodriguez played a key role in reshaping our collective response to addiction and through that shared insight helped reshape and reform our criminal justice system;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners,** on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby recognize and honor Pamela Rodriguez's decades of service to our communities and in particular to those suffering from addiction, and their families and friends.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a ceremonial copy of this resolution be sent to Pam Rodriguez.

[21-2666](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING APRIL AS NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND APRIL 28TH, 2021 AS THE ANNUAL DENIM DAY**

**WHEREAS,** April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS,** according to National statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in the United States of America (U.S.) have experienced sexual violence involving physical contact; and

**WHEREAS,** the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that nearly 1 in 5 women and 1 in 38 men have experienced completed or attempted rape during their lifetimes; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) on average, there are 433,648 victims of rape and sexual assault each year in the United States of America (U.S.); and

**WHEREAS,** the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) data assures that every 73 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics National Crime Victimization Survey: only 230 of every 1,000 rapes are reported, only 46 of every 1,000 rapes lead to arrest, and only 5 of every 1,000 rapes lead to conviction in the United States of America (U.S.); and

**WHEREAS,** the Harvard Medical School Center for Primary Care has reported a significant worldwide increase in sexual violence cases since the surge of the Covid-19 Pandemic; and

**WHEREAS,** for the past 22 years, Peace Over Violence, a sexual and domestic violence prevention

center headquartered in Los Angeles, California, has hosted the Denim Day campaign on a Wednesday in April in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Denim Day story begins in Italy in 1992, when an 18-year-old girl was raped by the 45-year-old driving instructor who was taking her on her very first driving lesson. He took her to an isolated road, pulled her out of the car, removed her jeans and raped her; and

**WHEREAS**, after she reported the rape, the perpetrator was arrested, prosecuted, and convicted of rape and sentenced to jail; and

**WHEREAS**, years later, that conviction was overturned by the Italian Supreme Court using the “jeans alibi” - according to the justices, the woman was wearing tight jeans, therefore she must have helped the person who raped her remove her jeans, thereby implying consent; and

**WHEREAS**, the following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the survivor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Denim Day campaign became official in the United States of America (U.S.) in 1999 where people wore denim in solidarity with women in the Italian Parliament; and

**WHEREAS**, since then, wearing jeans or other denim apparel on Denim Day has become a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive manners about sexual harassment, abuse, assault and rape; and

**WHEREAS**, in this sexual violence prevention and education campaign, community members, elected officials, businesses and students are asked to make a social statement by wearing denim on this day as a visible protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 as the 22nd Annual Denim Day and honors survivors of sexual assault.

[21-2605](#)

**Sponsored by:** BILL LOWRY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING MR. ARTHUR L. MCCANN**

**WHEREAS**, to “Serve and Protect” is the motto for a policeman. It was also the calling of a great servant leader, Sgt. Arthur L. McCann; and

**WHEREAS**, Arthur L. McCann was born in 1929 in Paive, Mississippi to parents Ollie and Martha McCann. Mr. McCann had a twin sister Lee Ethel and seven siblings total; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McCann's parents joined the thousands of Mississippians seeking better opportunities during the Great Migration; and

**WHEREAS**, by 1933, the hard-working McCann family arrived in Chicago where Mr. McCann quickly discovered many of the injustices found in America's southern States were present in his new city; however, these injustices would not keep him from seeking opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McCann would learn obedience, honesty, integrity, discipline, faith, and hard work from his mother Martha. As the youngest, Mr. McCann received additional guidance from his older brothers, five of which would serve in the Army, Air Force, and Navy; and

**WHEREAS**, young Arthur watched his older brothers work hard, who in turn, expected nothing less from young Arthur; and

**WHEREAS**, the streets of Chicago were tough, but the family soon found a church home and fatherly guidance under the teaching of the late great, Bishop Louis H. Ford; and

**WHEREAS**, the McCann family would be one of the first families of Ford's St. Paul Church of God in Christ founded in 1937. Mr. McCann's mother and sister would serve as missionaries in the church while Mr. McCann and his oldest brother would be Deacons, serving over 60 years; and

**WHEREAS**, a young Arthur attended Farren Elementary and thrived at DuSable High School where he would build lifelong friendships with young men and women who would become African- American community leaders and trail blazers of Chicago. Mr. McCann developed friendships with such future leaders as former Chicago Mayor Harold Washington and former Cook County Commissioner and Cook County Board President John Stroger. Making friends was easy for Mr. McCann, known affectionately as "Art". Mr. McCann's great personality, people skills, humor, and well-groomed appearance made him an engaging and welcomed member of any conversation. His love of history and art lead him to take up sketching and painting. An ability noticed by his teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1952, Mr. McCann followed in his brothers' footsteps to serve his country in the United States Marine Corp. The U.S. Marine Corps' guiding principles 'Improvise Adapt & Overcome' would be foundational in his life. Throughout his life Mr. McCann would prioritize visiting veterans at Jessie Brown VA and Saturday meetings with the men in Washington Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McCann's pride and joy was his family. Mr. McCann met his lovely wife of 51 years, Dr. Alice Faye Sharp-McCann at St. Paul Church of God in Christ. They would marry on March 7, 1970 and have three daughters, Tammy, Allison, and April, raising his girls in the South Shore neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McCann's girls brightened his life and gave him five grandchildren, to whom he was "Pa Pa". Each day Mr. McCann would find a new way to love and spoil his children. Mr. McCann often engaged in deep discussions with his son-in laws and nephews. When asked "what's the secret to a good life?" Mr. McCann said, "giving to others, work hard, and be a good steward over your family and

finances”; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McCann was a role model to the boys in his family and community. Never a man to dress down, Mr. McCann always wore a suit or sport coat and slacks. Mr. McCann’s nephews often said how they admired how well Mr. McCann dressed and lived. Mr. McCann demonstrated principles of manhood emphasizing Faith, Family, And Community; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McCann applied to become a Chicago Police Officer after returning home from active duty with the intent to continue to serve his community as he served his country. Mr. McCann was the only African- American in his class and on March 1,1957, The City of Chicago swore Mr. McCann in as a police officer. Mr. McCann began a career working as a Youth Officer at Central Headquarters; and

**WHEREAS**, Arthur devoted his services to mentoring young assailants while assisting the families with finding support through his work on special assignments concerning youth gangs. Mr. McCann became highly decorated with numerous awards highlighting his dedication, service, and commitment to the community he served; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1968, Arthur was the only African American in his graduating class promoted to the rank of Sergeant. The Chicago Police Department assigned Mr. McCann to the Intelligence Division, Youth Divisions, Vice Control Unit, Gambling, and Prostitution units. He would later receive an Honorable Mention for apprehending a purse snatcher while off duty with his family; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McCann’s character, work ethic, and love for the uniform made him a sought after officer from many commanders in the Chicago Police Department. Mr. McCann committed his service to protecting others providing additional pro-bono services to dignitaries as personal security. Mr. McCann’s work ethic was unmatched with his simple attitude “work hard, do your best, and help others”; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McCann would later take on the roles of Director of Security at Loop College and Investigator Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office Child Support Division after spending most of his career with the Chicago Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McCann’s storied career allowed him to serve under five mayors, witness the election of Chicago’s first Black Mayor, the election of America’s first Black President, the election of the first Black Female Vice President, and the election of Chicago’s first Black Female Mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McCann was always ready to serve. Mr. McCann understood the value of engagement in the community and modelling his engagement through dedication for those who saw him as a role model. Mr. McCann served on the 7200 S. Luella Block Club, South Shore Commission, Operation PUSH, NAACP, Urban League, Fifth Ward Democratic Organization, YMCA, George L. Giles American Legion Post #87, Scout Master Boy Scouts of America, and numerous police associations. Mr. McCann was friends with and supported the political campaigns of many past and current office holders and provided security support at polling places on election day; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McCann retired from the Chicago Police Department in 1986 after 29 years of dedicated and decorated service. Mr. McCann was also a proud United States Marine Veteran and retired Investigator Cook County State's Attorney. Moreover, Mr. McCann served as Director of Security for The Blackstone Hotel and Loop College currently known as Harold Washington College. If you met Mr. McCann, you loved him. Mr. McCann was the epitome of "Officer Friendly" and because of his compassionate nature, he developed the engagement skills necessary to build rapport with anyone; and

**WHEREAS**, After retiring, Mr. McCann continued serving at St. Paul Church of God In Christ Community Development Corporation on its Deacon Board as Treasurer, church trustee, and advisor to many community leaders and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 28th, 2021 Arthur L. McCann transitioned this life to join his beloved family who preceded him in death. They include Parents Ollie and Martha Battle McCann, his sisters: Ruth and Lee Ethel, his brothers: Wilbert, Willard, Eddie Lee, Ezra, James and Leo. He is survived by his Loving wife Alice Faye, his living legacy includes Daughters, Tammy (Anthony), Allison (Eric Sr.) & April: Grandchildren Eric Jr., Safiyah, Adam, Ian, and Chad Arthur. He will continue to be loved and remembered by a host of loving in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and church members; and

**WHEREAS**, Arthur L. McCann was a proud Chicagoan, husband, father, and friend. Mr. McCann was a beloved and cherished resident and neighbor of the 5th Ward and 3rd Cook County District. Mr. McCann's life was full, and he leaves a legacy and a lifetime of "Good Works That Shall Speak For Him"; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd DISTRICT**, do hereby stand, and salute the life changing work Arthur L. McCann.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of Arthur L. McCann.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:** That a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District. that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby do what you are suggesting or endorsing with this resolution.

[21-2645](#)

**Sponsored by:** BILL LOWRY and JOHN P. DALEY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING ROSIE L. PETERSON**

**WHEREAS**, Rosie L. Peterson was born on March 7, 1937 in Ripley, Mississippi to Joe Peterson and Judy Adams, a farmer and homemaker respectively, as one of eleven children; and

**WHEREAS**, a young Rosie and her family moved to Middleton, Tennessee near the end of Great Depression; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Peterson attended school part-time in order to help family tend the farm during the lean years of World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, at age 18, Ms. Peterson joined the Great Northern Migration of Black Americans moving to Chicago where Ms. Peterson worked in housekeeping at McCormick Place, as a senior care worker and domestic home worker for several families. In the late 1990's, Ms. Peterson, transitioned to a job in security for the city of Chicago's Department of General Services, where she worked until she retired in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Peterson was a force of nature, strong willed, fiercely independent as head of her household, and caring and protective mother; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Peterson had three children: Terry, Diann and Tyrone. Ms. Peterson used her own lifelong experience of hard work and love of family as the guiding light in her children's lives. Ms. Peterson instilled middle-class values of the importance of discipline, cleanliness, hard work and respect in her children; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Peterson was a fun-loving person who hosted big holiday dinners and weekend sleepovers for her nieces and nephews. Ms. Peterson was an exceptional cook, and prepared grand feasts for her family, neighbors, and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Peterson enjoyed playing cards, dancing, and was a passionate fan of Chicago Blues music, which included many big artists who shared similar roots in Mississippi as her. Ms. Peterson's favorite artists included B.B. King, Muddy Waters, and Howlin' Wolf. She was also fond of Al Green and Aretha Franklin; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Peterson passed away on March 12, 2021 in Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Peterson is survived by her three children, Terry Peterson, Diann (Corhn) Peterson and Tyrone Peterson; five sisters, Betty Woods, Johnnie Thompson, Bobby White, Charlene Beecher, and Grace Baity; Junior Jeans; and a multitude of nieces, nephews and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Peterson was a cherished resident, neighbor, and friend of the 17th Ward and 3rd Cook County District; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd DISTRICT, and I, JOHN DALEY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 11th DISTRICT, do hereby jointly stand, and salute the life of Rosie L. Peterson; and



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of Rosie L. Peterson.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the Offices of Cook County Commissioners Bill Lowry 3rd District and John Daley 11th District

[21-2537](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**DONALD W. PARENTI, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Donald W. Parenti from our midst on March 19, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald W. Parenti graduated from Weber High School in Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduation, Donald Parenti joined the Illinois Army National Guard and served with honor for 37 years. He achieved the rank of Sergeant Major and served as the Command Sergeant Major for the 108th Medical Battalion; and

**WHEREAS**, using the medical training he received in the Guard, Mr. Parenti went on to become an X-Ray and Clinical Laboratory Director; and

**WHEREAS**, after a long career in the private sector, Donald Parenti took a position with the Illinois Department of Corrections and wrote and administered the Drug Control Program. He then became the Director of Programs for the Westside Community Correctional Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald Parenti was a third-generation, long-time resident of Elmwood Park. In 1989, he was elected as an Elmwood Park Village Trustee and served in that capacity for 16 years; and

**WHEREAS**, perhaps the roles Donald W. Parenti was most dedicated to and most proud of were that of husband to his late wife, Mary, and father to his twins, James and Lisa; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald Parenti was a devote Catholic who was very active in the St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, volunteering as a Eucharistic minister, member of the parish council and school board member; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Parenti was a warm and loving family member and friend, who enjoyed the company of others, time up at the lake and a good coffee cake. He will be sorely missed by his children, his extended family and his countless friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and members of the Cook County

Board of Commissioners do hereby extend their deepest condolences to the family and friends of Donald W. Parenti; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to James and Lisa Parenti so that his memory may be so honored.

[21-2538](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**DR. SAM VACCARO, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, called Sam Vaccaro from our midst on March 18, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Vaccaro was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corp; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Vaccaro was a highly respected and admired teacher and administrator for Elmwood Park Unit School District 401 for over three decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Vaccaro began his teaching career at District 401 in 1968 as a science teacher at Elmwood Elementary School and then went on to teach science and become the assistant principal at Elmwood Park High School; and

**WHEREAS**, realizing the importance of offering Elmwood Park's students the best and most up-to-date education, Dr. Vaccaro was extremely instrumental in the planning, building and opening of Elmwood Park's first middle school and, in 1989, became its first principal; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1998, Dr. Vaccaro became principal at Elmwood Park High School, where he presided until his retirement in 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Vaccaro treated all staff and faculty with respect and kindness throughout his tenure with District 401, and as a result received the same in return. His dedication to students was always his top priority and his positive impact is still fondly remembered by countless former students, parents, staff, faculty and administration of District 401; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Vaccaro was a friend, role model, and mentor to all who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, in his retirement, Dr. Vaccaro enjoyed fishing, golf, travel and spending time with his family and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Vaccaro leaves behind Barbara, his loving wife of 51 years; his cherished daughters, Jennifer Cross and Mary Vaccaro; and his beloved granddaughters, Morgan Cross and Emma Vaccaro.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby offer their deepest condolences to the family Sam Vaccaro and their sincere gratitude for the positive mark he leaves on the residents of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and that a suitable copy be tendered to the Vaccaro family so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[21-2583](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING GIANCARLO IANNOTTA FOR HIS FILM, *MY COUNTRY***

**WHEREAS**, local filmmaker, Giancarlo Iannotta, wrote, acted in, directed, and produced the film, *My Country*; and

**WHEREAS**, the first fifteen minutes of the film take place near Lawrence and Cumberland on Chicago's Northwest Side; and

**WHEREAS**, Giancarlo Iannotta's father and uncle emigrated from Molise, Italy, in the late 1950's and moved to that neighborhood on Potawatomie Street in the late 1970's; and

**WHEREAS**, in the film, Giancarlo Iannotta's character, Lucky, goes on a journey from Chicago to Molise to fulfill a request made by his father on his deathbed; and

**WHEREAS**, as the film travels from Rome to Molise, it traverses the Village of Elmwood Park's Sister City, Frosinone, in which there is a Piazza Elmwood Park; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the film, Lucky celebrates and praises Chicago's neighborhoods and tries to convey to his extended Italian family the similarities between Chicago and Molise, as both are "full of love"; and

**WHEREAS**, Giancarlo Iannotta grew up in Elmhurst and attended Montini Catholic High School and then studied Film and Video at Columbia College Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Giancarlo has been writing and directing short films ever since-many similarly shot in and around his uncle's home on the Northwest Side. *My Country* is his first feature and first starring role; and

**WHEREAS**, Giancarlo has more than one hundred films and commercials on his résumé. Some have screened at such respected film festivals as SXSW, Chicago Critics, and Mill Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, *My Country* was nominated for several awards at festivals across the U.S. and in Italy, including the Brooklyn Film Festival and the Italian Contemporary Film Festival; and

**WHEREAS**, *My Country* won several awards, including Best Illinois Film at the Beloit International Film Festival, Audience Favorite at the Route 66 Film Festival, Best Feature Film at the Tampa Bay Underground Film Festival, and Best First Feature Film at WorldFest Houston.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Giancarlo Iannotta for the success of his film, *My Country*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Giancarlo Iannotta as a token of our appreciation for his work and as inspiration for his continued success.

[21-2475](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **CONGRATULATING JAMES CHRISTENSEN ON HIS RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, James Christensen retired from the Winnetka Police Department on May 17, 2021 after 28 years as a law enforcement officer; and

**WHEREAS**, James Christensen began his career as a law enforcement officer with the Winnetka Police Department on May 17, 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, James Christensen was appointed to the position of Detective on November 22, 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, James Christensen was awarded Police Officer of the Year for 2001 and 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, James Christensen was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on January 1, 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, James Christensen was recognized for the Award of Valor in the year 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, James Christensen was promoted to the rank of Commander on September 22, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, during his career, James Christensen served as a member of the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force, served in the capacity of a Master Firearms Instructor, Certified Traffic Crash Investigator, Evidence Technician, Bicycle Team Member, Field Training Officer, Rapid Deployment Instructor, Taser Instructor, Lead Homicide Investigator, graduate of Northwestern University's Center

for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command, graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy and was recognized by his superiors and the citizens he served, receiving numerous Honorable Mentions and letters of appreciation from citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, James Christensen served his department and community with distinction, and the people of Cook County owe him a debt of gratitude for his service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby offer James Christensen congratulations on his retirement and thanks him for his years of public service as a law enforcement officer; 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 James Christensen.