



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Virtual Meeting

Consent Agenda

Thursday, April 15, 2021, 10:00 AM

Third Set

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Sponsored by: SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ELIZABETH “BETSY” BAER ON HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Elizabeth “Betsy” Baer was born in Glencoe, Illinois in 1955 to Nanette Talbot and Joseph Winslow Baer; and

WHEREAS, Betsy spent her childhood playing and exploring with her older brother, Richard, and younger sister, Jenni. She remains close to both - calling, texting, and visiting regularly; and

WHEREAS, Betsy attended Ripon College in Ripon, Wisconsin, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology; and

WHEREAS, after college, Betsy moved to Evanston where she has been a resident for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Betsy was the first Director of Marketing for the Kohl Children’s Museum where she worked with the owner, other directors, and staff to raise funds for the museum; and

WHEREAS, Betsy went on to become the Executive Director of GVA Worldwide, an international commercial real estate company with 120 offices globally, where she was responsible for directing the administrative headquarters; and

WHEREAS, after a months-long search Betsy was selected as the Executive Director of the Glenview Chamber of Commerce in November of 2011; and

WHEREAS, Betsy brought her past work experiences and incredible passion to the Executive Director position and netted impressive results for the Glenview Chamber; and

WHEREAS, under Betsy’s leadership, Chamber membership more than doubled, surpassing 500 members; and

WHEREAS, Betsy grew and expanded the Chamber’s existing events, such as the annual Summer Fest sidewalk sale and Holiday in the Park and Parade; and

WHEREAS, Betsy brought new fresh event ideas to the Glenview community; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 Betsy created the inaugural Bites & Brews event allowing members of the public to

sample food and beer from local establishments, introducing the public to the Chamber’s members, and letting residents experience new cuisines; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 Betsy kicked off the first Blocktoberfest, a festive block party complete with live music, in the Downtown Glenview area; and

WHEREAS, Betsy leveraged partnerships with the Village of Glenview and Glenview Park District to create more robust programming for both Chamber members and community members; and

WHEREAS, Betsy discovered Chamber-specific travel opportunities for the membership, planning trips to China, South Africa, and Italy; and

WHEREAS, despite the hurdles COVID-19 presented, Betsy was able to keep the Chamber’s programming calendar full, including the creation of the virtual “Ask the Experts” series as a resource for members; and

WHEREAS, above all Betsy created a fun, inviting atmosphere for prospective and long-time members alike; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Betsy Baer on her retirement, celebrate her outstanding career, and thank her for her tireless service to the Glenview community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of the Resolution be tendered to Betsy Baer as a means of communicating our gratitude and well wishes.

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Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING BRIAN J. STAGG FOR HIS HONORABLE AND DILIGENT SERVICE TO COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, Brian J. Stagg served under the Clerk of the Circuit Court’s office and retired from the office after 30 years of service on December 31, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Stagg is a lifelong resident of the Northwest side of Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Stagg is a graduate of Steinmetz High School, Class of 1988; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Stagg joined the Clerk of the Circuit Court’s Office in February 1990; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Stagg served under three Clerks of the Circuit Court during his 30-year tenure, including under the current County administration, the Honorable Aurelia M. Pucinski, the Honorable Dorothy Brown, and the Honorable Iris Y. Martinez; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Stagg also served under two Circuit Court Judges, including the Honorable Judge Thomas R. Allen and the Honorable Judge Anthony Kyriaopoulos; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Stagg started his tenure as Court Clerk I and rose to become a Supervisor; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Stagg has worked diligently and worked under several divisions during his tenure.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners honor Brian J. Staff for his honorable and diligent service to Cook County Government.

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Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON and PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 30, 2021 AS, “NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY” IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, National Therapy Animal Day was created by Pet Partners to recognize and honor the exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human companions to bring comfort and healing to those in need; and,

WHEREAS, Pet Partners is the national leader in demonstrating and promoting the benefits of animal-assisted therapy, activities, and education; and,

WHEREAS, there are thousands of Pet Partners therapy animal teams serving in communities across the United States; and,

WHEREAS, connecting with animals is proven to confer a host of mental and physical benefits. Pets reduce our stress levels, offer us companionship, and even help us feel less pain; and,

WHEREAS, Pet Partners therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people in our community including veterans, seniors, patients, students facing literacy challenges, and those approaching end of life; and,

WHEREAS, by designating April 30 as National Therapy Animal Day we can raise awareness and

educate the public about the role therapy animals play in enhancing the health and well-being of humans through the human-animal bond; and,

WHEREAS, in celebrating National Therapy Animal Day we also honor the dedicated handlers - the human members of therapy animal teams - who volunteer their time and compassion during visits; and,

WHEREAS, Pet Partners and therapy animals have learned to adapt during the COVID-19 pandemic to continue offering therapy as people have turned to animals more than ever.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby salute the service of therapy animal teams in our community and in communities across the nation; and,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby proclaims April 30, 2021 as, "National Therapy Animal Day," in Cook County, IL and encourages the citizens of Cook County to honor and celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers.

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Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF FAITH COLSON IN HER ADVOCACY

WHEREAS, April is recognized in the United States as Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an annual campaign to raise public awareness about sexual assault and educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, according to Department of Justice data, every 73 seconds an American is sexually assaulted; and

WHEREAS, according to Department of Justice data, younger people are at the highest risk of sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, Faith Colson has turned her own experience as a survivor of sexual abuse by a teacher into advocacy to see changes in policies and curriculum in schools surrounding sexual assault and abuse; and

WHEREAS, HB1975, Faith's Law, sponsored by Rep. Michelle Mussman and Rep. Fred Crespo seeks to educate teachers and school staff on the signs of grooming and how to identify the signs that a teacher

may be sexually assaulting a student; and

WHEREAS, the bill would make it mandatory for schools to develop a sexual misconduct code of conduct, review employment histories, teach students about grooming and sexual misconduct in sex education and allow for in service days to educate teachers; and

WHEREAS, Faith Colson has shown a tremendous amount of strength and dedication in advocating for this vital issue and her advocacy will surely help many students across Illinois; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the important advocacy of Faith Colson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Faith Colson, Illinois State Representative Michelle Mussman and Illinois State Representative Fred Crespo.

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Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

A RESOLUTION HONORING SIKH AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH IN THE 15TH DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Sikhs have been living in the United States for more than 120 years, and during the early 20th century, thousands of Sikh Americans worked on farms, in lumber mills and mines, and on the Oregon, Pacific & Eastern Railroad; and

WHEREAS, Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world and today, there are more than 25 million Sikhs worldwide and an estimated 500,000 Sikh Americans; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions, and make rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of the United States, including service as members of the United States Armed Forces and significant contributions to our great nation in agriculture, information technology, small businesses, the hotel industry, trucking, medicine, and technology; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans distinguished themselves by fostering respect among all people through faith and service; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is committed to educating citizens about the world's religions, the value of religious diversity, tolerance grounded in First Amendment principles, a culture of mutual understanding, and the diminution of violence; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Cook County seeks to further the diversity of its community and afford all residents the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich history and shared experiences of Sikh Americans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby, proclaim the month of April 2021 to be SIKH AWARENESS and APPRECIATION MONTH in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Hanover Park Trustee Khaja Moinuddin and Thakar S. Basati.

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Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

A RESOLUTION HONORING TERMICO TECHNOLOGIES WINNING THE “MAKERS MADNESS” CONTEST

WHEREAS, “Makers Madness” is presented by Comcast Business, the competition shines a light on Illinois’ diverse manufacturing sector, which has played a critical role in the state and nation’s response to the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the contest looks to honor manufacturers. Manufacturers are developing life-saving vaccines and treatments, producing needed personal protective equipment, keeping store shelves stocked with important goods and nutritious foods, and powering our homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, this contest seeks to crown the title of The Coolest Thing Made in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Termico Technologies is located in Elk Grove Village in the 15th District of Cook County and created the Self-Regulating Traffic Signal Heater; and

WHEREAS, the Self-Regulating Traffic Signal Heater uses conductive particles to heat traffic signals so they remain visible and free of ice and snow so traffic can safely navigate our roadways; and

WHEREAS, municipalities, counties, and departments of transportation around the country have transitioned away from traditional traffic signals to new LED versions, this innovative technology has become vital to protecting motorists and ensuring our transportation system continues to operate efficiently during winter weather; and

WHEREAS, voters chose the Self-Regulating Traffic Signal Heater from a field of 311 individual products initially nominated from across the state, with over 300,000 votes cast over the course of the competition; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Manufacturers’ Association hosted the virtual Makers Madness awards ceremony where Termico Technologies was honored; and

WHEREAS, as COVID-19 has been difficult for many residents and businesses and manufacturers have

found new ways to step up to serve communities; and

WHEREAS, Termico Technologies and their innovative spirit and passion to bring new solutions to communities represent the best of Cook County; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Termico Technologies for making the Coolest Thing Made in Illinois and for the outstanding work they do in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Termico Technologies and the Illinois Manufacturers' Association.

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Sponsored by: KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

LOIS JANET DEBELLIS, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Lois Janet DeBellis was the loving and adored wife to Edward DeBellis; and

WHEREAS, Lois Janet DeBellis was the loving mother to her daughter Lisa (Eric Schuller) and her son Eric (Anny Gonzalez); and

WHEREAS, Lois cherished her grandchildren, Asher and Ainsley Schuller; and

WHEREAS, Lois was born on September 28, 1953 in Chicago, Illinois as the beloved daughter to the late Albert and Florence Rischow; and

WHEREAS, Lois had a love of learning and graduated with a BSN from UIC in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Lois spent over 40 years as a nurse. Throughout her career, Lois specialized caring for those with mental illness, those homebound, and those with special needs at school; and

WHEREAS, Lois had an avid love of the outdoors and would travel the country with her hiking group visiting various National Parks. Her hiking friends lovingly referred to her as "Wannawalk."; and

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 Lois Janet DeBellis, 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 Lois Janet DeBellis that her memory may

be so honored and ever cherished.