



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

**Consent Agenda**

**Thursday, September 23, 2021, 10:00 AM**

**Third Set**

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

**RESOLUTION**

**HONORING MS. HELEN WILLIAMS FOR HER DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY AND THE GREATER CHICAGOLAND AREA**

**WHEREAS, Ms. Helen Williams** was born and raised on the Southside of Chicago, and has resided in the Englewood Community for 40 plus years; and

**WHEREAS, Ms. Helen Williams** is a proud single mother of two adult children, Meciala Williams and Ben Harrison III, she has nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS, Ms. Helen Williams** is the founder and CEO of DeLovely Hearts, a non-profit organization that she started to honor her late mother Reverend DeLovely Williams; and

**WHEREAS, Ms. Helen Williams** organization connects hearts to help others. It is her way to give back to the community. It provides services to the youth, seniors, homeless and serves domestic violence shelters in the Englewood and the Greater Chicagoland area; and

**WHEREAS, Ms. Helen William** believes we are to help eliminate hunger, homelessness, and help provide for the essential needs for all people, by providing food, warm clothes, personal care items and to do whatever it takes to enhance the quality of life for individuals in underserved communities across the Chicagoland area; and

**WHEREAS, Ms. Helen Williams** has an unwavering commitment to serve those who are in need and a passion to address homelessness and domestic violence in the Chicagoland area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Dennis Deer, Cook County Commissioner 2nd District on behalf of President Toni Preckwinkle, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the over five million residents of Cook County, on this date September 23, 2021 do hereby recognized for her Dedication and Service in the Englewood Community and the Greater Chicagoland area, and so wish **Ms. Helen Williams** every continued success in her future endeavors; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to **Ms. Helen Williams** and a copy is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body

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**Sponsored by:** BRIDGET DEGNEN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE BERTEAU BUTTERFLY GARDEN PROJECT**

**WHEREAS** Ruta Lietuvninkas, a resident of Portage Park in Cook County District 12, to promote and maintain natural habitats for monarch butterflies and other important pollinators, cultivated a pollinator garden outside her home in the fall of 2020, thus beginning the Berteau Butterfly Garden Project; and

**WHEREAS**, with the help of the community, the Berteau Butterfly Garden Project began several “sub-projects.” The Semper Pi Project expanded the butterfly garden to the corner parkways of the neighborhood’s Berteau block. The Milkweed Alley project aimed to cultivate milkweed seeds on weedy patches in two alleys behind the Berteau block residences; and

**WHEREAS**, the Semper Pi gardens contain approximately 50 native plants per garden, each with its own marker so people may learn its name and what insects it serves. The gardens also feature signs and artwork made by children in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the gardens are enjoyed by neighbors and the wider community, with Ms. Lilliam Narvaez hosting show and tell sessions and gardening days to educate children and adults alike on the importance of pollinators. Many neighbors have been inspired to start their own pollinator gardens. Neighbors work together, sharing native plants and watering shifts; and

**WHEREAS** , the Berteau Butterfly Garden Project has been successful in strengthening not just the neighborhood’s impact on pollinators, but also a sense of community; and

**WHEREAS**, neighbors in the Berteau community have seen an increase in monarch butterflies, black and eastern tiger swallowtails, and red admirals. A neighbor has seen the endangered Karner blue butterfly; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Lietuvninkas has documented the project at  
<http://www.lietuvninkas.com/berteau/berteau-butterfly-garden-project/>.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners and President Preckwinkle, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby honor and celebrate the Berteau Butterfly Garden Project and the community for their work to create, foster and protect natural habitats for butterflies and other pollinators.

**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 Ruta Lietuvninkas on behalf of the Berteau Butterfly Garden Project and the Berteau Avenue community.

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**Sponsored by:** BRIDGET GAINER and SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 AS, “GLOBAL ISMAILI CIVIC DAY” IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS**, Ismaili CIVIC is a global program under which the Shia Ismaili Muslim community across the world has united around its centuries-old tradition of serving humanity by rendering voluntary service to improve the quality of life of the communities in which it lives; and,

**WHEREAS**, the international endeavor reflects the community’s ethic of civic engagement and good citizenship, exemplifying Islam’s core values of service, peace, compassion and care for the vulnerable; and,

**WHEREAS**, on September 25, 2021, the Global Ismaili CIVIC Day (“GICD”) will commemorate serving humanity and enriching lives in the communities in all the countries in which Ismaili Muslims live, including Cook County, Illinois, USA; and,

**WHEREAS**, across the world, 29 countries will be partaking in over 250 volunteer service projects on the Global Ismaili CIVIC Day; and,

**WHEREAS**, on GICD, a diverse array of activities will occur simultaneously across the world focused on two themes: Pandemic Response and Environmental Stewardship; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year, GICD will bring together over 20,000 volunteers across the globe to work with their local communities, governments, and civil society partners to contribute their time, knowledge, and skills for the betterment of their fellow citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Global Ismaili CIVIC Day in Cook County, Illinois aims to contribute hundreds of hours of community service by volunteers and restore, rehabilitate and beautify the Cook County Forest Preserves District; and,

**WHEREAS**, to date, Ismaili CIVIC volunteers in Cook County exemplified pluralism and promoted equity through improving the quality of life of community members through hundreds of programs benefitting thousands of people in the areas of Health (including pandemic response, Education, Economic Development, Environmental Stewardship, and Culture; and,

**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 September 25, 2021 as, “Global Ismaili CIVIC Day,” in Cook County, IL and encourages the citizens of Cook County to participate in Ismaili CIVIC initiatives during the weekend of September 25, 2021.