



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

**Consent Agenda**

**Thursday, February 10, 2022, 10:00 AM**

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**Sponsored by:** DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING CHIEF APOSTLE DR. JOANNA BEAN'S 88TH BIRTHDAY**

**WHEREAS**, Chief Apostle Dr. Joanna Bean has been operating in ministry and helping to change the lives of many men, women, young adults, and teens; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Apostle Dr. Joanna Bean is the Founder and Governing Apostle of Agape Association Glory to Glory Ministries; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Apostle Dr. Joanna Bean received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Bible Studies, a Master of Arts Degree in Ministry, and Doctor of Philosophy in Pastoral Counseling from Midwest Theological Institute of Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, she is an Apostle, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher, Orator, and Educator; and

**WHEREAS**, The Lord has blessed Chief Apostle Dr. Joanna Bean to trail the way for other ministries as well as being a spiritual mother, mentor, confidant, and encourager to many; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Deborah Sims, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 5th District, do hereby congratulate Chief Apostle Dr. Joanna Bean on your 88th Birthday.; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Chief Apostle Dr. Joanna Bean on her auspicious occasion.

[22-1398](#)

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF DEIRDRE MARIE CLAYTON**

For this cause, pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render, therefore, to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

Romans 13:6-7

**WHEREAS**, Deirdre Marie Clayton was a breath of fresh air and a beaming light of sunshine to all who knew and loved her; and

**WHEREAS**, Deirdre was a fun-loving person who loved life and was always full of joy; and

**WHEREAS**, Deirdre had many hobbies throughout her life such as playing the piano, being a girl scout, singing, reading, traveling, and enjoying Broadway musicals; and

**WHEREAS**, Deirdre was a foodie in her own right and loved authentic foods of all kinds; and

**WHEREAS**, Deirdre attended Elementary and High School in Washington D.C. with Math being her strongest subject; and

**WHEREAS**, Deirdre earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications with a minor in public relations at Southern Illinois University, in Carbondale; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 1971, Deirdre became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Zeta Chi Chapter; and

**WHEREAS**, Deirdre was a natural born leader and held multiple positions as director; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 1978, Deirdre's loving spirit led her to marry her best friend and love of her life Charles Clayton, where Clayton Jr. and Christina were born from their union; and

**WHEREAS**, Deirdre's dedication to helping others led her to 24 years of service at Provident Hospital of Cook County as an associate administrator of public affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, during Deirdre's long career at Providence Hospital, she was affectionately known as Dee Clayton; Momma Dee, or Dee; and

**WHEREAS**, Deirdre considered Provident Hospital of Cook County and many Commissioners to be her second family, thereby combining her two families by ensuring her children-Charles Jr. and Christina-were involved in her job by having them participate in the hospital's teen club; and

**WHEREAS**, Deirdre was a God-fearing woman and helped others in any way she could, by organizing community outreach, community health fairs, community dinners, and fundraisers; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, does hereby honor and celebrate the life of Deirdre Marie Clayton and her many contributions bettering the lives of all residents in Cook County, Illinois; 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 the family of Deirdre Marie Clayton.

[22-1559](#)

**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING DR. LYNDA G. WASHINGTON FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE OCCASION OF HER 65TH BIRTHDAY**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lynda G. Washington was born on February 11, 1957, and the daughter of the late Pastor E. R. Allen, the renowned Pastor of Christ Bible Center in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Washington is the proud mother of Kenneth R. Washington, II, and grandmother of 3 grandsons, Kenneth R. Washington, III Christian, Gabriel and 1 granddaughter Hannah Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Washington is a life-long servant of her Lord Jesus Christ and is Pastor of J.I.L.O.T.A. Worldwide Ministries, Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree Recipient - H.O.P.E. Bible Institute & Seminary - 2017, Member of Christ Bible Center as an Administrator/Youth Pastor/God Squad/Feeding program in Roseland, Member of Family Christian Center - Munster, IN, Host Coordinator for the Dr. Lynda G. Washington Global Prayer Line, Hosted The 1st Gospel Concert at the Rock in London, Author - Book entitled: "He'll Turn Your Tears to Diamonds & Work Book Journal", and Record Producer - Christ Bible Center LIVE Recording with Prayer by the Late Pastor E. R. Allen; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Washington's community activism has spanned for over 45 years in the Chicagoland Area including as the NO texting NO Bullying Campaign Chair, Co-Founded the KEL-LAW Foundation, Inc. - over 25 years of Community Services for the Youth, Human Relations Commissioner - Rainbow Push Coalition for 30 years, Co-Founded The KEL-LAW Foundation, Inc. - over 25 years of Community Services for the Youth, Advocate for Human Trafficking local and worldwide with many organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Washington has been a steadfast public servant in many contexts including: Human Relations Commissioner for Sauk Village - 3 Terms, Trustee for the Village of Sauk Village 2013-2017 (Chaired Neighborhood Watch 10 years), Democratic Women of the South Suburbs - Registering Voters and programs for the south suburbs, Soroptomist International - mentoring women to become their best, Administrative Assistant for West Harvey School District 147 - 30 Years; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Washington served in the following leadership roles: A.F.S.C.M.E. President for Local 93 for 12 years, Girl Scout Troop Leader - Ambassadors (Seniors at Bloom High School) Chicago Heights, Implemented FREE back to school haircuts, school supplies, job readiness programs, Senior Citizens Director - Organized & planned events & trips for seniors including Walk on Red Carpet, Holiday

Event Planner - Facilitated years for Thanksgiving and Christmas Toy Drives in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Washington has been a Radio & T. V. Personality for media shows over 45 years with W.M.P.P. & W.Y.C.A. among others RE-YOU Show - Founder & Co-Host with David Santiago - 5 years and counting; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of her remarkable career of service, this Honorable Body wishes to honor and celebrate Dr. Lynda G. Washington on the occasion of her 65th Birthday;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Dr. Lynda G. Washington on her 65th Birthday and thank her for her many years of service to the residents of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to Dr. Lynda G. Washington as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

[22-1628](#)

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, JOHN P. DALEY, DONNA MILLER, DEBORAH SIMS, KEVIN B. MORRISON, BILL LOWRY, LARRY SUFFREDIN, SEAN M. MORRISON and STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**ANNUNZIATA “NANCY” PALESE, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, called Annunziata “Nancy” Scarano Palese from our midst on January 20, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy is perhaps best known for her eponymous pizza franchise and her contributions to Chicago-style pizza history; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Palese was the loving wife of the late Rocco Palese; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy Palese was the beloved mother of Ted, Marisa, and Rosa, and was the cherished grandmother of nine; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy was born in Brindisi Montagna, a small town in southern Italy, and married Rocco in an arranged marriage in 1948; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy and Rocco made pizza in Italy and later emigrated from Italy with their children to the United States in 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy and Rocco’s first pizza parlor, Guy’s Pizza, featured thin-crust pizza, but their friends

wanted them to pursue the burgeoning deep-dish pizza; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy and Rocco decided instead to introduce their own style of pizza based on Rocco's mother's recipe for scarciiedda, an Easter specialty pie. Their "stuffed pizza" included a secret spice blend that was kept under lock and key; and

**WHEREAS**, in the early 1970s, Nancy and Rocco opened the original Nancy's Pizza in Harwood Heights, "Home of the Original Stuffed Pizza;" and

**WHEREAS**, within months, Nancy and Rocco realized they had to expand their 35-seat restaurant and soon made room for 140; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years, Nancy and Rocco worked long hours, always focusing on quality and consistency; and

**WHEREAS**, Nancy and Rocco eventually sold the business to a customer-turned-employee, and the brand now has 28 locations in Illinois, Missouri, Georgia, and North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, up until recent years when her health declined, Nancy Palese, although shy, could be found holding court at the Nancy's in Niles, the only location still in the family and owned by daughter Marisa and her husband.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its deepest condolences to the family of Annunziata "Nancy" Palese; 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 the family of Nancy Palese so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[22-1679](#)

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, JOHN P. DALEY, SEAN M. MORRISON, DENNIS DEER, DONNA MILLER, DEBORAH SIMS and KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**JAMES CHMURA, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, called James Chmura from our midst on January 11, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, James Chmura was the devoted husband of Barbara (nee Moore) Chmura; and

**WHEREAS**, James Chmura was the beloved father of Matthew and Ryan Chmura; and

**WHEREAS**, James Chmura, born on April 17, 1951, was the dear son of the late Philip and the late Michaeline Chmura; and

**WHEREAS**, James Chmura served as Village President of Norridge from May 1, 2013, until his retirement on June 30, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to being elected village president, James Chmura served as administrative assistant to the village president for five years, and as treasurer/financial director for fifteen years; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to these important village positions, James Chmura served on the Police Pension Fund Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, James Chmura loved his community and was dedicated to and proud of the Village of Norridge; and

**WHEREAS**, James Chmura was a great mentor to many; and

**WHEREAS**, James Chmura coached countless children in the Norridge Youth Activities program; and

**WHEREAS**, James Chmura gave both his time and support to many other organizations throughout his community, including the Seniors Assistance Center and Norridge Cares; and

**WHEREAS**, above all, James Chmura was known for his deep love and dedication to his family.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend its deepest condolences to the family of James Chmura; 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 the family of James Chmura so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[22-1704](#)

**Sponsored by:** DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS AMERICAN HEART MONTH IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the month of February is recognized as American Heart Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual celebration began in 1963 to encourage Americans to join the battle against heart disease and each year a presidential proclamation pays tribute to researchers, physicians, public health professionals and volunteers for their tireless efforts in preventing, treating, and researching heart disease, which is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, heart disease (including coronary heart disease, hypertension, and stroke) remains the No. 1 cause of death in the U.S. and cardiovascular diseases claim more lives each year than all forms of cancer and chronic lower respiratory disease combined accounting for 1 in every 4 deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, heart disease and stroke continue to kill more people in the U.S. than any other cause, despite, and likely even due to, the impact of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic according to data from the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and that trend is likely to continue for years to come as the long-term impact of the novel coronavirus will directly affect cardiovascular health, according to the American Heart Association; and

**WHEREAS**, heart disease is the leading cause of death in Cook County as well, accounting for just under 11,000 deaths per year in 2020 with more than half occurring in suburban Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the estimated annual incidence of heart attack in the United States is 805,000 new attacks, 605,000 are new attacks and 200,000 are recurrent attacks with Americans suffering a heart attack approximately every 36 seconds; and

**WHEREAS**, although some progress has been made, it's important to make sure all Americans have access to quality care and as a country we should continue to focus on "Life's Simple 7," which refers to the American Heart Association's seven goals of eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly, avoiding excess weight, not smoking, and keeping blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar within a healthy range; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly half of all non-Hispanic black adults have some form of cardiovascular disease, 47.7 percent of females and 46.0 percent of males; and

**WHEREAS**, since the outbreak of COVID-19, there have been even higher mortality rates due to the effect the disease has had on individuals with pre-existing health conditions, primarily those which are cardiovascular-related. The American Heart Association found that the already sizable Black-White life-expectancy gap has now grown to over ten years due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, by 2035, more than 130 million adults, or 45.1% of the U.S. population, are projected to have some form of cardiovascular disease and total costs of CVD are expected to reach \$1.1 trillion in 2035, with direct medical costs projected to reach \$748.7 billion and indirect costs estimated to reach \$368 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, hospitals and health systems around the country celebrate American Heart Month by helping to raise awareness in their communities about heart disease, with staff wearing red and volunteers knitting or crocheting pint-sized red hats for newborns, as well as holding free screenings and heart health awareness events; and



**WHEREAS**, in response to the pandemic, last February the Board of Commissioners approved a resolution creating a virtual “hands only” CPR & AED training as part of the on-boarding process for new employees and which is available to all county employees providing the knowledge needed so we can eliminate one of the barriers to not being able to survive a heart attack; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the “Bystander Effect” statistics that is especially troubling is that African Americans and Hispanics are 30-50% less likely to have bystander CPR performed if they suffer an incident and compared to white children, bystander CPR was 41% less likely for black kids, 22% less likely for Hispanics and 6% less likely for other ethnic groups; and

**WHEREAS**, data shows that CPR initiated by a bystander can nearly double the chance of survival from cardiac arrest; and

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body wishes to promote and raise awareness of American Heart Month and heart health in Cook County encourage all Cook County employees to take advantage of the Virtual CPR & AED training available on the County Human Resources Training platform;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby take this opportunity to acknowledge American Heart Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body in recognition of American Heart Month.

[22-1738](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING SHEILA JACKSON: A HUMBLE SERVANT LEADER**

**WHEREAS**, Sheila Jackson was born and raised on Chicago’s Southside. Sheila attended high school at Hyde Park High School, where she was a standout math student. After a standout career at Hyde Park High School Sheila attended Texas Southern University and graduated with a degree in accounting; and

**WHEREAS**, several leading Texas home developers hired Sheila Jackson as a lead accountant after her graduation from Texas Southern University. Sheila was often the only Black executive in the building; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheila Jackson left a major impact when she moved back to her native Chicago. Sheila was a master at politics and became a community organizer when Harold Washington expressed interest in becoming Chicago’s first Black mayor. After Mayor Washington became the first Black mayor of Chicago, Mayor Washington named Sheila as the Financial Officer Over Grants in his administration; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheila Jackson had her Chicago snow boots on the ground to serve Black political leaders, helping them in their various political campaigns for nearly 40 years. Congressman (then Alderman) Bobby Rush and Cook County Commissioner (and R&B Legend) Jerry Butler noticed and relied on Sheila's quiet, but highly effective service; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheila Jackson volunteered and supported her community in many ways. Sheila volunteered on the Southside educating and registering numerous new voters. In addition, Sheila's large heart and never-ending passion led her to make forever homes for many rescue animals. Sheila also displayed an impressive level of servant leadership at her church, Hartzell Church. When Sheila lost her mother, she displayed an unbelievable amount of strength and made sure that she was always there for her younger sister; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheila Jackson bravely fought and survived lung cancer for 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheila Jackson will be greatly missed by not only her own family, but the City of Chicago and Cook County will miss Sheila immensely. Sheila's servant leadership left a huge impact on so many and will be felt for years to come. Sheila loved Chicago, and Chicago loved her back; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd DISTRICT** do hereby stand, and salute the life changing work of Sheila Jackson.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of; and Sheila Jackson.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:** a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the **Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District**

[22-1739](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING TIMUEL DIXON BLACK: AMERICAN EDUCATOR, CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST, HISTORIAN, AND AUTHOR**

**WHEREAS**, Timuel Dixon Black was born on December 7, 1918, in Birmingham, Alabama. Timuel was the son of Timuel Dixon Black Sr. and his mother, Mattie. Timuel and his parents migrated twice before settling in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Timuel Black graduated from DuSable High School in 1937. In August of 1943, The United States military drafted Timuel into service during World War II. While serving in World War II, Timuel received four Battle Stars, the Croix de Guerre, and the Legion of Honour; and

**WHEREAS**, Timuel Black went on to attend and graduate from Roosevelt University, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree. After Roosevelt, Timuel went on to attend the University of Chicago, where he would earn his Master's Degree; and

**WHEREAS**, Timuel Black's education and military service prepared him for his eventual service and leadership in his community; and

**WHEREAS**, Timuel Black began his career teaching at Roosevelt High School in Gary, Indiana. In 1957 Black relocated back to Chicago where he taught at his alma mater, DuSable High School. Timuel joined the world of higher education in 1969, when he joined Wright College as the Dean of Transfer Programs. In 1975, Timuel became a Professor of Social Sciences at Loop College (later Harold Washington College) until his retirement as Professor Emeritus in 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, Timuel Black was a force in the community while he was involved in academia. During the 1960s Timuel was president of the Negro American Labor Council and helped organize the 1963 March on Washington. Timuel served as co-chair of 1st Congressional District Harold Washington's Education Task Force in 1980. In 1982, Timuel co-chaired the People's Movement for Voter Registration and Education and led a historic drive that registered over 250,000 voters and convinced Congressman Harold Washington to run for Mayor; and

**WHEREAS**, Timuel Black was recognized for his work many times by receiving an honorary Doctoral Degree from Roosevelt University, the Benton Medal for Distinguished Public Service from the University of Chicago, the Operation PUSH Legends in Movement Award, and more. In 2021 Timuel became the first person inducted into the Black Hall of Fame at Governors State University; and

**WHEREAS**, Timuel Black was never too busy to give back to his community through his mentorship, charitability, and philanthropy; and

**WHEREAS**, Timuel Black left a huge impact and improved so many lives in his 102 years of living. Timuel's positive impact on his neighborhood, Cook County, and Chicago, will be felt for years to come. He will forever be missed; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd DISTRICT**, do hereby stand, and salute the life changing work of Timuel Dixon Black.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of; and Timuel Dixon Black.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of Timuel Dixon Black; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:** a copy of this Resolution will be filed within the **Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District**

