



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois (Board Room
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Consent Agenda

Thursday, September 22, 2022, 10:00 AM

Third Set

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Sponsored by: BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE ELEVATION OF BISHOP DAVID TODD WHITTLEY TO BISHOP AND HIS ONGOING SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Bishop Whittley is the youngest son of Elder Robert Whittley Sr. and Supervisor Mother Dr. LuVonia Whittley, who instilled in him the importance of honoring God, loving family, and serving in ministry; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Whittley is a product of Roosevelt University, with post graduate studies at C.H. Mason Theological Seminary, Trinity Christian College, and Moody Bible Institute; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Whittley is devoted husband to his beautiful and devoted wife of 25 years, Dr. Chandra Whittley. They are the proud parents of David Jonathan and Sydney Nicole; and

WHEREAS, After 15 successful years in the banking industry, David and Dr. Chandra Whittley founded Kingdom Financial Consultants, a faith-based firm that secured over \$15 million dollars in loans for clients in Chicago, Detroit, Peoria, Indiana and St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, In August 2004, at the passing of his grandfather - Auxiliary Bishop Bennie Allison, then Elder David Todd Whittley was appointed by Bishop Willie J. Chambliss to serve as Pastor of the historic Corinthian Temple Church of God in Christ. Since that celebrated moment, Bishop and First Lady Whittley have continued to lead with care, compassion, creativity and commitment to God's work and God's people. Their church is a model for effective congregational empowerment and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Continuing the vision of Bishop Bennie Allison, Pastor Whittley serves as President of United for Better Living, providing a range of programs to address the spiritual, social, economic, and educational needs of individuals and families in the community; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Whittley is the visionary, purpose-driven Chairman of the C.A.R.E. Project, a \$25 million economic development initiative on Chicago's West Side; and

WHEREAS, In the area of civic duty, Pastor Whittley serves as a Commissioner for the Chicago Public Building Commission (PBC), Chair of the 11th District Police Clergy Committee, Member of the Clergy Advisory Council for Congressman Danny K. Davis, Board Member Board Member for the Westside Community Development Corporation, and Board Member for the RUSH Alive Faith Network; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Whittley is no stranger to leadership in the Church of God in Christ, he serves in

Illinois Midwest Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction as Program Chairman and Special Assistant to Jurisdictional Bishop Darrell L. Hines Sr., General Board Member to Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, On the national level he is noted for faithful service rendered in numerous capacities which include: Choir Director for the National Music Department, Vice-President and Secretary for the National AIM Chairpersons Network, Executive Committee Member for the General Council of Pastors and Elders and International Auxiliaries in Ministry, National Director for 10 years for Scholastic Motivation Ministries, and currently serving as Assistant Administrator for the Bishop's Advisory Board for the Men Perfecting Men Conference; and

WHEREAS, In April of 2021, Bishop David Todd Whittlely was officially appointed by Presiding Bishop J. Drew Sheard, endorsed by the General Board and ratified by the General Assembly to serve as an Auxiliary Bishop in the Church of God in Christ.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County President and Board of Commissioners congratulate Bishop David Todd Whittlely on his elevation to Bishop and recognize his exemplary accomplishments and express to him sincerest thanks and appreciation for his many contributions to his community, to Cook County, and to the lives of people in the region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to Bishop David Todd Whittlely.

[22-5601](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF RINCON FAMILY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Rincon Family Services ("Rincon") is a not-for-profit organization that was established in 1972, through a clinic called "El Rincon" by community residents recovering from substance use on the Westside of the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Rafael "Paloma" Rios, a magnetic organizer in Chicago's Puerto Rican community, led the founding; and

WHEREAS, Rincon has been credited with being the visionary force among the originators of *Fiestas Patronales*-a long-standing annual festival celebrating Puerto Rican heritage and culture in Humboldt Park; and

WHEREAS, Rincon is dedicated to rendering compassionate and effective programs that promote the quality of life by serving as a catalyst for advocacy, education, and empowerment of individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, Rincon's core values consist of advocacy, dedication, education, compassion, and accountability; and

WHEREAS, Rincon became an oasis for individuals and families of all ethnic and racial backgrounds who sought individualized, culturally competent, and holistic care for their health concerns; and

WHEREAS, with over 50 years of experience, Rincon provides counseling, case management, prevention, and treatment services for both individuals and families across the Chicagoland area; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, "El Rincon" became "Rincon Family Services" as a result of the awareness that substance abuse can have a domino effect on families; and

WHEREAS, in the last five years, Rincon has added seven new programs that engage children, teenagers, and parents with effective methods of treating and preventing addictive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Rincon became a Census Regional Intermediaries (RI) for the State of Illinois's efforts to count all residents, and was an integral part of ensuring a full and accurate count of our State's population; and

WHEREAS, today, Rincon continues to grow and meet the needs of the community with centers in West Humboldt Park, Avondale, Belmont Cragin, and recently in Kankakee, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Rincon is invested in diversifying resources in order to provide the most comprehensive and sustainable care available to those that they serve; and

WHEREAS, Rincon proudly remains a community-driven organization that specializes in culturally competent care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor the 50th Anniversary of Rincon Family Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Rincon Family Services in honor of its outstanding achievements and their 50th anniversary.

[22-5608](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF AUNT MARTHA'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

WHEREAS, Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness Center ("Aunt Martha's") are celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, Aunt Martha's started with a small group of people in Park Forest, Illinois who wanted to give youth in their community a place to be safe, understood, and heard. They hoped for a place where caring, loving, and supportive peers and adults - like an "Aunt Martha" - would be a place to protect, defend, and support runaways or young people who needed a place to go; and

WHEREAS, with just a couple thousand dollars and a handful of individuals looking to make a difference in their community, the first youth drop-in center, counseling services, and volunteer foster homes were established in Park Forest; and

WHEREAS, Aunt Martha's has become a prominent health and wellness institution with a commitment to supporting the well-being of communities, ensuring equity in access, and delivering exceptional care inspired by a culture of innovation; and

WHEREAS, Aunt Martha's is a primary care medical home for more than 73,000 patients and a vital resource for more than 125,000 children and adults from over 600 communities in Illinois. Aunt Martha's has 25 health centers across 9 counties; and

WHEREAS, Aunt Martha's envisions strong, healthy communities, where everyone has access to high-quality health and wellness care, leading to better social and emotional health; and

WHEREAS, Aunt Martha's core values consist of being committed to social justice, health equity, and access to quality services for all, and engages in a patient-centered approaches that empowers all to live healthy lives, celebrate diversity, equity, and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Aunt Martha's supports the transformation of our historically disadvantaged communities to strength and wellness through trauma-informed care practices; and

WHEREAS, Aunt Martha's is characterized by their fearless, optimistic, and innovative approaches and in their belief that our communities can overcome even the most severe barriers; and

WHEREAS, Aunt Martha's seeks opportunities to grow their impact through strategic collaborations that

embody their vision and values; and

WHEREAS, Aunt Martha's was named a HRSA Health Center Program Health Center Quality Leader for 7 years in a row; and

WHEREAS, Aunt Martha's serve 5 times more uninsured patients than the average health care centers and stands committed to serving the most vulnerable. Aunt Martha's has stayed true to their mission and purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the staff, volunteers, and supporters of Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness Center on their 50th anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution is presented to Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness Center in honor of its outstanding achievements.

[22-5607](#)

Sponsored by: FRANK J. AGUILAR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING RINCÓN FAMILY SERVICES

WHEREAS, The members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners wish to congratulate Rincón Family Services on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its founding; and

WHEREAS, Rincón Family Services was originally founded in 1972 by Rafael "Paloma" Rios through a clinic called El Rincón; a 501(c) (3) not for profit organization, it was established by community residents and individuals recovering from substance use on the west side of Chicago, one of the first Latino-focused substance use treatment centers; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, El Rincón became El Rincón Family Services as a result of the awareness that substance abuse can have a domino effect on families; in the last five years, it has added seven new programs that engage children, teenagers, and parents with effective methods of treating and preventing addictive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, Rincón Family Service's mission is to render compassionate and effective programs that promote the quality of life by serving as a catalyst for advocacy, education, and empowerment of individuals and their families; the organization has expanded its mission to address the needs of the larger community by providing counseling, case management, prevention and treatment across Chicagoland; and

WHEREAS, Rincón Family Services celebrated the official incorporation of Youth Service Project

(YSP) as a division of Rincón Family Services in 2017, and the united missions of the agencies combine to bring more comprehensive programs to the community with an increased focus on youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, Rincón Family Services launched Operation Counting Lives, Saving Lives in response to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, which was a multi-faceted grassroots campaign that deployed teams of staff and volunteers to serve as essential and front-line workers distributing hand sanitizers, masks, gloves, and other equipment to the most vulnerable members of the community while working to explain the importance of being counted in the 2020 Census; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that we Congratulate Rincón Family Services and it's leadership, President CEO Eddy Borrayo, Chairman of the Board Milton Rodriguez, and Chair Emeritus Hilda Frontany, on the 50th anniversary of its founding, and we wish the organization many more successful years; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Rincón Family Services as a symbol of our respect and esteem.