



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

**Consent Agenda**

**Thursday, April 27, 2023, 10:00 AM**

**Second Set**

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**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, MONICA GORDON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, JOSINA MORITA, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, ANTHONY J. QUEZADA and MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING COMMISSIONER BRANDON JOHNSON**

**WHEREAS**, after four (4) years of exemplary service as a public servant, Commissioner Brandon Johnson will vacate his seat as Cook County Commissioner of the 1stdistrict; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Johnson grew up with nine siblings in a three-bedroom house with one and a half bathrooms in Elgin; and

**WHEREAS**, his parents were pastors and foster parents; Johnson was a volunteer at his father's church, leading the youth group and driving a church van; and

**WHEREAS**, Brandon and his wife Stacie live in the Austin community, where they are raising their children Owen, Ethan and Braedyn; and

**WHEREAS**, Johnson earned a bachelor's degree in human services, Youth Development Programming, and Management and a master's degree in teaching from Aurora University; and

**WHEREAS**, Johnson worked as a social studies teacher at Jenner Academy Elementary and George Westinghouse College Prep, both part of the Chicago Public Schools system; and

**WHEREAS**, he became an organizer with the Chicago Teachers Union in 2011, and helped organize the 2012 Chicago teachers strike; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Johnson sponsored Ordinances and Resolutions which successfully passed the Just Housing Ordinance, prohibiting discrimination against justice-involved Cook County residents seeking affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, he acted as lead sponsor for the Justice for Black Lives resolution, which called for investments in physical and mental health, jobs, housing, restorative justice, violence prevention, internet access, and additional resources; and

**WHEREAS**, he stood in solidarity with Little Village and Southeast Side communities in fights for environmental justice; and

**WHEREAS**, he helped secure over \$100 million in historic violence prevention funding to community

groups working directly in neighborhoods most impacted by violence; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a part of a coalition that created a dedicated Cook County Public Defender Immigration Unit to provide legal representation and protect immigrant communities; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a co-sponsor of an ordinance that shut down the Cook County gang database; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Johnson brought a visionary, and passionate energy to the board; and

**WHEREAS**, Commissioner Johnson has led with compassion, and dedicated his years of service to helping improve the County for everyone, especially our most vulnerable communities; and

**WHEREAS**, while we wish nothing but the utmost happiness in his new role, Commissioner Johnson's presence on the board will be missed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and Members of the Cook County Board Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby extends their sincere and grateful appreciation to Commissioner Brandon Johnson for his exemplary career in public service and their best wishes to him for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come; 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 Commissioner Brandon Johnson.

[23-1842](#)

**Sponsored by:** SCOTT R. BRITTON, DONNA MILLER, FRANK J. AGUILAR, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, MONICA GORDON, BILL LOWRY, JOSINA MORITA, SEAN M. MORRISON and ANTHONY J. QUEZADA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**PROCLAIMING APRIL 30, 2023, AS "NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY" IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the United States is home to tens of thousands of professionally trained therapy animals, including dogs, cats, horses, rabbits, and birds, who lend comfort and affection to individuals in need; and

**WHEREAS**, National Therapy Animal Day was created by Pet Partners to celebrate 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, including in Cook County, and they play an essential role in improving human health and

well-being through the human-animal bond; and

**WHEREAS**, Pet Partners therapy animal teams make millions of visits each year to hospitals, nursing homes, schools, libraries, and hospice care settings, assisting a diverse cross section of the community including veterans, seniors, patients, students facing literacy challenges, and those approaching end of life; and

**WHEREAS**, pet therapy is proven to have a myriad of health benefits, including improved cardiovascular health, and lowered blood pressure, irritability, and stress; and

**WHEREAS**, studies have shown that therapy animals also benefit from their work, noting that therapy dogs displayed higher rates of endorphins and oxytocin than average family pets; and

**WHEREAS**, in celebrating National Therapy Animal Day we also recognize the dedicated human handlers, who undertake extensive training with their therapy animal partners, and who generously volunteer their time and compassion; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby celebrate the extraordinary service of therapy animal teams in Cook County and throughout the country; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby proclaims April 30, 2023, 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:** SCOTT R. BRITTON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING CHARLES WILLIAM EIDSON ON ATTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT**

**WHEREAS**, Charles William Eidson has been an active Scout in Boy Scout Troop 401, Buffalo Grove, Northeast Council, Potawatomi District; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles William Eidson has demonstrated his commitment to scouting as well as to his community as a youth representative on the Parish Pastoral Council at St. Edna Catholic Church in Arlington Heights, while advancing through the ranks of the Boy Scouts of America, earning the title of Eagle Scout; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles William Eidson is active in school activities as a percussionist in the Buffalo Grove

High School bands and orchestra, and is a member of the varsity football and lacrosse teams; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles William Eidson's Eagle Scout service project was a restoration project at Cook County Deer Grove Forest Preserve in Palatine involving ecological and cultural restoration, including removal of invasive buckthorn trees and other vegetation that was damaging a stone wall built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps, working with a site steward of the Forest Preserves; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles William Eidson earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in Scouting, on August 30, 2022. He has been appropriately recognized for his accomplishment at a Court of Honor Ceremony on April 23, 2023 at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles William Eidson is interested in pursuing a career in government and the law with intentions of serving as an elected official for his community or the State of Illinois; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby congratulate and commend Eagle Scout Charles William Eidson for this outstanding achievement, and his dedication to the betterment of his community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Eagle Scout Charles William Eidson to commemorate this significant occasion.

[23-2620](#)

**Sponsored by:** MAGGIE TREVOR, DONNA MILLER and JOHN P. DALEY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING KADEN MARTSCHENKO ON ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT**

**WHEREAS**, Kaden Martschenko of Arlington Heights has reached the rank of Eagle Scout; and

**WHEREAS**, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, one must take on leadership roles within the troop and their community; earn a minimum of 21 merit badges that include first aid safety, civics, business, and the environment; and complete a large community service project; and

**WHEREAS**, across the nation only 6% of Scouts achieve this impressive distinction; and

**WHEREAS**, Kaden's Eagle Scout service project was a landscape beautification project at Clearbrook, an Arlington Heights-based organization whose mission is to empower adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities to fully live their lives to the furthest extent possible; and

**WHEREAS**, Kaden led a team of scouts and adults to remove old planter boxes and debris, build new planters, and plant new flowers and bushes to improve the aesthetics at the Clearbrook facility to make it

more welcoming for their clients; and

**WHEREAS**, Outside of Eagle Scouts, Kaden is an accomplished water polo player having competed with Prospect High School's Water Polo team, and is a member of the USA Water Polo Olympic Development Program; and

**WHEREAS**, these projects and overall commitment to his community shows tremendous dedication and leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is grateful for the work of young people to improve and lead within their communities; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Kaden Martschenko on his significant achievement of reaching the rank of Eagle Scout and for his great accomplishments in and out of Troop 401; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Kaden Martschenko and Troop 401.

[23-2615](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **RESOLUTION HONORING APRIL AS ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois has more than 450,000 citizens who are of Arab heritage, originating primarily from Palestine, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Yemen and 15 other Arab World countries, with the largest concentration living in Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Arab Americans in Illinois, who are both Christian and Muslim, many first settling in Illinois in the middle of the 19th Century and playing a significant role in the year long and successful Columbian World Exposition which was held in Chicago in 1893; and

**WHEREAS**, Arab Americans in Illinois are proud Americans who have served this country in the U.S. Military in every war since the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, Arab Americans in Illinois are proud citizens who pay their taxes, manage successful businesses and work in a wide range of blue collar and white collar professions including as doctors, dentists, lawyers, engineers, journalists, public officials, grocery and retail store owners, union activists, and educators; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois General Assembly unanimously adopted a State Law in December 2018 designating the month of April as Arab American Heritage month, supporting 44 other states which have adopted annual Proclamations including in Arizona, California, Michigan, Virginia, Texas, Georgia, and Maryland, and Washington D.C.; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Members of the Cook County Board join in honoring the heritage and culture of Arab Americans, and further encourage all Cook County residents to celebrate the diversity of our great county on the 27th Day of April 2023.

[23-2621](#)

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

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

##### **RESOLUTION HONORING THE LATE PASTOR RICHARD L. SCHULER**

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Richard L. Schuler, better known as Pastor Rich, a giving and committed man of God, was taken from this world on February 9, 2023 at the age of 68 while visiting family in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Rich was born to Jeanette and Luke Schuler on July 6, 1954, followed by his four younger brothers Luke, William, Mark, and John; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Rich was blessed to be married to his wonderfully caring and supportive wife, Mary Beth, father to two children, Richard (Rick) and his wife Jenny and Amanda and her husband Jamison, and his grandchildren Jude, and Ezekiel (Zeke), and the late Penny; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Rich was a devout, lifelong follower of Christ, showing kindness and love to all who had the pleasure of meeting him; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Rich was honest, caring, generous and was always present and willing to help in his community; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 Pastor Rich got to live up to his full potential in the church when he had the immense honor of becoming an ordained pastor in the ECO, and then became pastor at CrossRoads Community Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Rich was independent and strong willed, loved stale marshmallow Peeps and hotdogs with “ketchup only”, was a die-hard Chicago White Sox fan, with his only regret was that his children became Cub fans; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar of the 16th District, on this 27th day of April 2023, do hereby express my sincere sorrow upon learning of the passing of Pastor Richard L. Schuler and extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all those

whose lives Pastor Rich has touched through his ministry; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Mrs. Mary Beth Schuler.

[23-2623](#)

**Sponsored by:** FRANK J. AGUILAR and ALMA E. ANAYA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE LATE ENTERTAINER XAVIER LÓPEZ RODRIGUEZ**

**WHEREAS**, Xavier López Rodríguez, better known as the Mexican children’s entertainer Chabelo, was born in Cook County on February 17th, 1935; and

**WHEREAS**, Xavier López Rodríguez and his family settled in Mexico before being drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War where he served honorably; and

**WHEREAS**, Xavier López Rodríguez began working in the entertainment industry and created the longest running Mexican television show in history, the variety show “En Familia con Chabelo,” which ran for 48 years from 1967 to 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, On the 30th of December 2012, Xavier López Rodríguez’s show “En Familia con Chabelo,” was awarded a Guinness Record for its 44 years of uninterrupted broadcast, with Chabelo being awarded a second Guinness Record for his portrayal of Chabelo for over 57 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Xavier López Rodríguez’s joyful spirit brought joy and laughter to children and adults throughout North America; and

**WHEREAS**, Xavier López Rodríguez’s signature raspy, child-like voice helped usher in a genre of adult comics dressed as kids that became a staple on Mexican television for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Xavier López Rodríguez encompasses the spirit of Chicano culture and modern history that has found a home in Cook County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar, on the 27th day of April 2023, encourages all Cook County residents to celebrate the life and work of Xavier López Rodríguez and his contributions to Mexican and Mexican-American culture, entertainment, and history.



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**Sponsored by:** SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE THE VILLAGE OF HINSDALE'S  
SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS** The Village of Hinsdale was once home to Native Americans of the Illini and Potawatomi tribes and at one time was known as Brush Hill; and

**WHEREAS** William Robbins is known as the founder of Hinsdale, platting the village in 1865, grading roads, planting trees, and building homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hinsdale, located 20 miles west of downtown Chicago, was incorporated on April 1, 1873 and sits within both Cook and DuPage counties; and

**WHEREAS** Over the last 150 years, the Village of Hinsdale has grown from a 700-acre plot of land along the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad to a nearly 3,000-acre vibrant community with an exceptional quality of life for its 17,395 residents; and

**WHEREAS** The Village of Hinsdale has an extensive list of Notable People who were born or have lived in the community, and are recognized in the areas of Literature, Science, Entertainment, Arts, Business, Government and Sports; and

**WHEREAS** The Village of Hinsdale has a legacy of important architectural landmarks; and

**WHEREAS** The Hinsdale Historical Society runs the Roger & Ruth Anderson Architecture Center, Robbins Park district which advocates for the preservation of Hinsdale's historical architecture and serves as an archive and resource; and

**WHEREAS** The Village of Hinsdale is proud to have two National Register Historic Districts: the Historic Downtown located in the center of town and the Robbins Park district just east of downtown between Garfield Street and County Line Road, as well as between Hinsdale Avenue and Ninth Street; and

**WHEREAS** Five individual Village of Hinsdale buildings are on the National Register of Historic Places: the William Whitney House (142 E. First Street), the Robert and Mary Childs House (318 S. Garfield Street), the Francis Stuyvesant Peabody House (8 E. Third Street), Immanuel Hall (302 S. Grant Street) and the Orland P. Bassett House (329 E. Sixth Street); and

**WHEREAS** The Village of Hinsdale has made education a top priority for its families, with their

investment in children resulting in nationally recognized public schools; and

**WHEREAS** The Village of Hinsdale offers natural beauty, hometown charm, and a friendly community atmosphere; and

**WHEREAS** The Village of Hinsdale is proud to celebrate its Sesquicentennial in 2023,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Cook County Commissioner Sean M. Morrison and the entire Cook County Board extends its heartiest congratulations and well-wishes to the Village of Hinsdale on their 150th year of incorporation, wishing them continued success in all the years to come; 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 Village of Hinsdale.

[23-2694](#)

**Sponsored by:** SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE 1980 MORaine VALLEY WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

**WHEREAS,** In 1980, Moraine Valley Community College was a small junior college, a place where students who weren't ready for the cost or commitment of a four-year institution could get their university studies and perhaps decide their path; and

**WHEREAS,** At that time, women's athletics was secondary. No one recruited for the Moraine Valley women's volleyball team. There were no scholarships. There wasn't a mascot or even a team name; and

**WHEREAS,** These young women on the precipice of adulthood, graduates of area high schools including Andrew, Shepard and Mother McAuley simply shared a love for the game of volleyball; and

**WHEREAS,** Pure sportsmanship brought the young women together on the court that year, and pure sportsmanship enabled them to play their way to the top tournament in Florida, where they started at No. 9 and moved as high as No. 8; and

**WHEREAS,** They took second at state, 16th at nationals and finished the season with a 38-4-3 record, becoming the college's first nationally ranked team; and

**WHEREAS,** For the first time in the college's history, this year, the entire team was inducted to the Moraine Valley Hall of Fame to include: Ellen Schultz, Lisa Barcella, Sheila Burke, Jackie Davis, Maureen Frangella, Jackie Gruca, Joanna Poulos, Laura Sartausky, Patti Wolf, manager Carol Filipiak and head

coach Sue Gasperec; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, gathered here this twenty seventh day of April, 2023 do hereby express our congratulations and celebrate the women of the 1980 Moraine Valley women's volleyball team for their accomplishment of being the college's first nationally ranked team along with their induction to the school's hall of fame; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared and presented to Moraine Valley Community College and the members of the 1980 Moraine Valley Women's Volleyball Team as a sign of our respect and esteem.

[23-2701](#)

**Sponsored by:** JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION HONORING MARILYN FAKLIS RUIZ**

**WHEREAS**, Marilyn Faklis Ruiz has and continues to contribute endlessly in public life and to her community; and

**WHEREAS**, she attended Tonti and Gage Park High School on the southwest side of Chicago, attended the University of Illinois Navy Pier and then graduated as a University Scholar from New York University. As an avid learner, she continued her studies at National Louis University, Loyola University and Northwestern University; and

**WHEREAS**, Marilyn was active in both paid and volunteer positions from the early 1960's in Chicago, continued in NYC politics/policy with her then council member who eventually became a NYC mayor, and continues to active in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, her academic career began in the 1970's that included teaching at New York University (NYU) and as part of a team developed an educational partnership program between NYU School of Education and the Court of New York for 'mothers charged with child abuse'; and

**WHEREAS**, she also became a working participant in the United Nations program declaring 1975 as the International Woman's Year with the designation of March 8 as International Woman's Day; and

**WHEREAS**, as an academic professional in higher education at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), she was a member of a select and dedicated team who initiated and developed the UIC Great Cities Institute, a university wide urban research institute from where she retired in 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1984, she led the first non-partisan deputy registrar campaign in Evanston; in addition to

coordinating Evanston's first pro-choice rally in 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, she has had two retail businesses in Evanston and was one of the founders of the Evanston Main Street Merchants Association working closely with the Evanston Chamber of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, in her Evanston community of almost fifty years, she has served as President of Optima Towers Condominium Association and currently serves as Chair of Evanston First Responders Foundation, Executive Committee member of Downtown Evanston, and V.P. of Canal Park Neighborhood Association; and

**WHEREAS**, she continues to serve the Evanston community through CERT (Community Emergency Response Team through Emergency Management/Evanston Fire Department-EFD) and the Medical Reserve Corps (through the City of Evanston) where she served in the Evanston vaccine clinics. For her work in CERT with fire assistance in 2010, she received a recognition award from the EFD and City of Evanston and continues to serve in an 'emeritus' position; and

**WHEREAS**, her family, friends, son, John, and daughter-in-law and dogs are the source of love and joy in her life; and

**WHEREAS**, she is the valued mentor to Commissioner Josina Morita and "Thea" to her children Kai and Meiko; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Board of the Cook County Commissioner would like to recognize and honor Marilyn Faklis Ruiz for her dedicated efforts and contributions in public service, education, and to her community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Marilyn Faklis Ruiz.

[23-2704](#)

**Sponsored by:** JOSINA MORITA and KEVIN B. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

##### **ALEXANDRA POGORZELSKI, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Aleksandra Pogorzelski (Modelska) passed on at the age of 68 on Thursday, March 30th, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Aleksandra was the second child of Jerzy Modelski and Maria Wanda Milopolska. Her mother Maria Wanda created an environment of love, a value Aleksandra carried on with her own children. She was the daughter of a Holocaust survivor who, with his brothers, were among the earliest prisoners of the German concentration camp in Auschwitz, Aleksandra shared her father's tenacity and

resolve. Her parents raised Aleksandra and her siblings in Gdynia, Poland, a modernist metropolis nestled on the Baltic Sea; and

**WHEREAS**, she pursued a Master's Degree in English from Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, the city her father was born. After completing her Master's, she came to the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, she is survived by her loving husband Józef. While visiting her uncle in the United States in 1978, her intent was to only stay for the summer. Shortly after arriving to Chicago she ended up meeting her future husband Józef, who became the love of her life and who she built a beautiful life together; and

**WHEREAS**, the two were joined in holy matrimony at Saint Hyacinth Basilica on November 11th, a date they chose because it was the date Poland briefly regained its independence in 1918; and

**WHEREAS**, she is survived by her sons Daniel, Christopher (Angie), Phillip (Amber), and daughter Paulina (Whitney). Aleksandra was always full of laughter and instilled in her children the importance of thinking outside the box; and

**WHEREAS**, she was the loving sister to brother Marek (Maryla) and sister Emilia; and

**WHEREAS**, she cherished her grandchildren Amelia and Milo, goddaughter Magda, as well as godsons Peter and Martin; and

**WHEREAS**, she excelled in her career in the hospitality industry thanks to her attention to customer service and knack for human connection. She first worked at Senkowski's Home Bakery in Chicago's Polish Village, but quickly transitioned to being a waitress at one of the city's most esteemed bygone Polish restaurants, the Orbit. She continued her hard work in the hospitality industry and enjoyed the connection with people that this career brought; and

**WHEREAS**, Aleksandra and Józef did their best to raise their children with the utmost appreciation of their heritage and Aleksandra was always supportive of her husband's civic activism; and

**WHEREAS**, she enjoyed nature and cherished the unseen energy which connects us all, especially under the cover of trees or flowers in her backyard; and

**WHEREAS**, Aleksandra will be deeply missed by many; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, offer our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Aleksandra Pogorzelski, who brought light and love to all those around her; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family members of Aleksandra Pogorzelski.