



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

Consent Agenda

Thursday, May 25, 2023, 10:00 AM

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Sponsored by: JOSINA MORITA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING MAY AS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, for nearly 370 years, Jews have profoundly contributed to America’s history, society, and culture; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, then-President George W. Bush established May as “Jewish American Heritage Month” to honor the long history of Jewish Americans and the many contributions of Jewish Americans to American culture, history, military, science, government, education, and all areas of American life; and

WHEREAS, the proud heritage of Jewish Americans is a reminder of our nation’s constitutional commitment to religious freedom and the importance of a dedication to community and history; and

WHEREAS, the United States is experiencing a rise in antisemitic activity, and Jewish Americans are the targets of 60 percent of religiously based hate crimes and bias-based incidents despite constituting 2.4% of the U.S. population; and

WHEREAS, our society needs to reaffirm our rejection of antisemitic bigotry and our commitment to never compromise our steadfast support for the Jewish community; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize May 2023 as Jewish American Heritage Month and expresses appreciation for the significant contributions made by Jewish Americans to the diverse community that comprises Cook County, the State of Illinois, and the United States of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Jewish United Fund and other Jewish American organizations in Cook County.

[23-3213](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF FALLEN CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER ARÉANAH PRESTON**

WHEREAS, during the midnight of May 6, 2023, 24-year-old Chicago Police Officer Aréanah Preston was shot down while trying to get to her home in Avalon Park after a day of service; and

WHEREAS, Officer Preston is described as “trying to make a change on this Earth” and someone who wanted to show young people that policing “can make a difference in the community”; and

WHEREAS, Officer Preston had been on the force for only three years and is remembered for her kindness, intellect and commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, Officer Preston had recently completed her master’s degree in jurisprudence from Loyola School of Law and was scheduled to receive her diploma days after her tragic death; and

WHEREAS, Officer Preston's fellow 5th District officers described her as "a ray of light to all of us." Remembering how Aréanah jokingly called them "her aunties," Preston's fellow officers said they lovingly called her "little baby," whilst considering her wise beyond her years; and

WHEREAS, Officer Preston was consider more than a co-worker, she was a friend; she was resilient, courageous, embodied integrity, and commanding of respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby express our deepest condolences to the family of Officer Preston and to all those whose lives she touched; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the Official Proceedings of this Honorable Body so that the life of Officer Preston be forever celebrated as a ray of light by those she served.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF FALLEN CHICAGO FIREFIGHTER JERMAINE PELT

WHEREAS, in the afternoon of April 11, 2023, firefighter crews responded to a house fire in the West Pulman neighborhood, which quickly spread to three buildings, and

WHEREAS, while dousing the fire from an adjacent building's second floor, Firefighter Jermain Pelt received an order to evacuate the building due to worsening conditions as that structure had also caught fire, and

WHEREAS, unfortunately Officer Pelt lost consciousness before he could evacuate, losing his life from smoke inhalation, sacrificing himself while saving the lives of others, and

WHEREAS, Officer Pelt joined the Chicago Fire Department in 2005 and served the Roseland community in the South Side his entire career, and

WHEREAS, Officer Pelt graduated from Corliss High School in the Pullman neighborhood before attending Olive-Harvey College, and

WHEREAS, Officer Pelt, 49 years of age, had recently proudly walked his 28-year-old daughter down the aisle to get married, and

WHEREAS, firefighters from Officer Pelt's firehouse at 119th and South Morgan recall him as a kind-hearted man with a true service spirit who was a registered nurse, a paramedic, an instructor at the fire academy, and a great firehouse cook, and

WHEREAS, Officer Pelt is remembered for his heart, his smile, and his dedication to service and as a devoted family man, a husband, son, brother, and father of two who leaves behind an adoring family - including a 6-year-old son Jared, and a daughter, Jorie, and

WHEREAS, this tragic event serves to impress all of us with a deeper appreciation of the valor of our local firefighters who are always prepared to face dangerous hazards to protect the citizens of our County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby offer our deepest most heartfelt condolences to the family of Firefighter Jermaine Pelt, and express our appreciation for the ultimate sacrifice made by Firefighter Jermaine Pelt on April 11, 2023, while selflessly serving the residents of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the Official Proceedings of this Honorable Body so that this tragic event and the loss of Firefighter Pelt's life shall never be forgotten.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF FALLEN CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER ANDRÉS MAURICIO VÁSQUEZ LASSO, WHO LOST HIS LIFE IN THE LINE OF DUTY

WHEREAS, on March 1st, 2023, 8th District Police Officer Andrés Mauricio Vásquez Lasso was fatally shot while responding to a domestic incident in the city's Gage Park neighborhood on the Southwest Side of Chicago, and

WHEREAS, Officer Vásquez Lasso, who on March 16th would have celebrated five years of serving his community as part of the Chicago Police Department, was described by his commanding officer as having a bright future ahead of him, as being a courageous officer, a dedicated public servant, a trusted partner, and a true Chicagoan, as well as a devoted husband, a beloved son and brother, a proud uncle and cousin, and a loyal friend, and

WHEREAS, Officer Vásquez Lasso followed in the footsteps of many public servants in his family, dedicating his life to serving and protecting the people of the city of Chicago, and was known by his coworkers as one of the bravest and most selfless individuals they have ever known, who without hesitation was willing to put himself in harm's way to help others, and who had an unwavering commitment to his duties and his fellow officers, and

WHEREAS, Officer Vásquez Lasso immigrated to Chicago from Colombia as a teenager eager to provide a better life for his mother, and

WHEREAS, the 32-year-old Officer Vásquez Lasso was active on social media, often sharing his thoughts about his life, once writing that he might not change the world, but he knew he could change the world of every person through his actions, and

WHEREAS, Officer Vásquez Lasso's loss is mourned by his beloved wife Milena Estepa, his family,

friends, coworkers, and the community he selflessly served and protected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby express our deepest most heartfelt condolences to the family of Officer Vásquez Lasso, who made the ultimate sacrifice while selflessly serving the residents of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the Official Proceedings of this Honorable Body so that the life of Officer Vásquez Lasso shall be remembered and honored.

[23-3219](#)

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING DANITA ELISE PATTERSON'S 55TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Danita Elise Patterson interest to pursue ongoing excellence in helping her fellow mankind lead her to establish Destiny Outreach, Inc. a recognizable 501c (3) non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Destiny Outreach, Inc is to make learning fun and promoting self-education, vision clarification, destiny development, and career/job readiness are a testament to Danita's commitment to youth and community development; and

WHEREAS, Danita Elise Patterson is a gifted speaker who inspires and motivate individuals of all ages to pursue their dreams by advocating for children and families by way of the arts and entertainment media, and social entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, Danita Elise Patterson, also known as Danita Destiny, is known for her exceptional contributions to the entertainment industry as an entrepreneur, creative visionary, filmmaker, and TV producer; and

WHEREAS, Danita Elise Patterson is being commended for her outstanding work as CEO and principal content developer of Destiny Unlimited, Inc., for creating, developing, and producing innovative film, TV, and new media content; and

WHEREAS, Danita Elise Patterson's extensive production credits and development work, spanning over 26 years, are a testament to her dedication, creativity, and passion for the entertainment industry; and

WHEREAS, Danita Elise Patterson exceptional talent and expertise in grassroots marketing contributed to the success of the faith-based film, "Heaven Is for Real," currently standing as the 2nd highest-grossing

film of its kind; and

WHEREAS, Danita Elise Patterson is to be acknowledged for her contribution to the success of numerous other TV shows and films, including Six Degrees of Separation, Bad Boys, NBC's Fresh Prince of Bel-Air, and her upcoming feature film, "Healing Circle"; and

WHEREAS, Danita Elise Patterson academic achievements include a Bachelor of Science Degree from Northwestern University in Radio, TV, and Film and post-graduate work at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management/Executive Education, University of Southern California, and Chicago State University; and

WHEREAS, we commend her for her service on The Voices of Illinois Children's Thought Leader's Advisory Board and Northwestern University's Council of 100 Women; 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 Danita Elise Patterson's 55th Birthday for her many accomplishments and 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 Danita Elise Patterson.

[23-3220](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING NAZNEEN HASHMI AS THE FIRST SOUTH ASIAN WOMAN ON THE STREAMWOOD VILLAGE TRUSTEE BOARD

WHEREAS, Nazneen Hashmi was elected to the Streamwood Village Trustee Board following the April 4, 2023, election, making her the first South Asian woman to serve on the Board; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Hashmi is an Indian Muslim woman from Hyderabad, India who migrated to the US with her family when she was just 18, where she then she picked up two full-time and one part-time job to provide for her family when her parents were unemployed; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Hashmi overcame great personal struggle following the divorce of her arranged marriage by finding the strength to work full-time to support and raise her two children while also attending college and getting a Master's degree; and

WHEREAS, Today, Trustee Hashmi is an Adjunct Professor at Illinois Institute of Technology and an

ISO Auditor; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Hashmi has a proven record of working to help those in her community, such as through her work on the Community Relations Commission at the Village of Streamwood, the Hanover Township Committee On Youth, the Board of YMCA, the Streamwood Women’s Club which provides scholarships and awards to underserved students in the community, and the Apna Ghar Organization which provides shelter and advocacy to immigrant women who are victims/survivors of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Hashmi was awarded the 2019 At-large Peggy A. Montes Unsung Heroine Award which recognizes women across Cook County whose contributions to their communities, families and professional endeavors have been so vital, but seldom recognized; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Hashmi is known for being “just a phone call away” for the entire community whenever they are in need, no matter the scale; and

WHEREAS, Cook County’s strength is in its diversity and Trustee Hashmi is a shining example of that fact;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Trustee Nazneen Hashmi as the first South Asian woman on the Streamwood Village Trustee Board, recognize all the work and commitment she has dedicated to her community, and wish her the best in her new role; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and suitable copies be tendered to Trustee Nazneen Hashmi in recognition of her contributions to the Village of Streamwood.