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Consent Agenda

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Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER 2024 AS MANUFACTURING APPRECIATION MONTH IN COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, Cook County utilizes a sector driven economic development strategy and prioritizes and invests in sectors like manufacturing that offer relatively low barriers to entry and offer good jobs with strong career pathways; and

WHEREAS, proudly recognizes that Chicagoland has the second largest manufacturing sector in the nation and has been recognized for its strength in metals fabrication, machinery & equipment manufacturing, casting and forging along with food processing, plastics & chemicals manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the US Department of Defense recognized northeastern Illinois as the nation's leader in the production of forged and stamped parts with the greatest business density coupled with the largest forging and stamping workforce of any US metro area in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Cook County manufacturers generate more than 80% of the state of Illinois' total manufacturing output and employ over 192,500 individuals, 62,000 of which are metal and plastic production workers, the most among all metro areas; and offer salaries ranging from \$45,000 - \$120,000; and

WHEREAS, Cook County recognizes that manufacturing provides quality jobs and positive economic impact and has committed nearly \$7 million in ARPA funding to help manufacturers thrive, expand, innovate as well as access and develop needed talent.

WHEREAS, Cook County, through the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership's Good Jobs Chicagoland programs, Cook County is providing manufacturers with access to customized training programs to upskill existing employees and build talent pipelines for new hires, with the assistance of \$3 million in EDA funding.

WHEREAS, the National Association of Manufacturers have designated as National Manufacturing Awareness and Appreciation month; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturers Month highlights the reality and future of modern manufacturing careers by encouraging thousands of companies and educational institutions around the nation to open their doors to students, parents, educators and community leaders.

WHEREAS, as manufacturers seek to fill 4 million high-skill, high-tech and high-paying jobs over the next

decade, MFG Month empowers manufacturers to come together to address their collective challenges and build excitement about manufacturing careers so they can help their communities and future generations thrive

WHEREAS Cook County's manufacturers, educational institutions, training providers and organizations furthering manufacturing research and innovation in Cook County will host events throughout the month of October to showcase the skilled and well-paying jobs afforded by a career in manufacturing, to ensure the continued growth of the manufacturing industry; and to celebrate our regional strength, our collaboration and partnerships benefiting this critical sector.

WHEREAS, in celebration of Manufacturing Month 2024, Cook County and the Calumet Industry Sector Partnership (CMISP) are proud to announce that ten local manufacturers are investing \$600,000 to train nearly 300 career-seekers through The Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership's Good Jobs Chicagoland program. These residents will receive training to either enter or advance a career that will offer good wages, growth and advancement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 2024 as Manufacturing Awareness and Appreciation Month in Cook County, Illinois and urges all residents to join in recognizing the important role of manufacturing.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ETHEL KENNEDY, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Ethel Kennedy from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Kennedy was the loving and adored wife of the late U. S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Kennedy was the loving mother of Kathleen, Joseph, Robert Jr., the late David, Courtney, the late Michael, Kerry, Christopher, Maxwell, Douglas, and Rory; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Kennedy was the dear grandmother of 34 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Kennedy was born in Chicago on April 11, 1928 to George Skakel and Ann Brannack; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Kennedy married Robert F. Kennedy on June 17, 1950; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Kennedy tragically lost her husband Robert on June 5, 1968 by assassination at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles while pregnant with their youngest child Rory; and

WHEREAS, In 1968 Ethel Kennedy founded the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Right to carry on the late senator's unfinished work of creating a more just and peaceful world; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, President Ronald Reagan presented and honored Ethel Kennedy with the Robert F. Kennedy medal which Congress authorized in recognition of the distinguished and dedicated service which Robert Kennedy gave to the government and to the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, in recognition of her environmental advocacy, a bridge over the Anacostia River in Washington, D. C., was renamed the Ethel Kennedy Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Kennedy was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by Barack Obama in 2014 in recognition of her advocacy to the causes "of social justice, human rights, environmental protection, and poverty reduction by creating countless ripples of hope to effect change around the world"; and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Ethel Kennedy was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her family, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Ethel Kennedy, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss, 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 the family of Ethel Kennedy that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 28TH AS FIRST RESPONDERS DAY

WHEREAS, First responders, including public works professionals, firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, 911 dispatchers, paramedics, crisis response mental health professionals, and other emergency personnel, stand on the front lines of our communities, selflessly serving and protecting the residents of Cook County in the times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, The year 2024 marks the 6th annual National First Responders Day, sponsored by bipartisan resolutions in the United States Senate and United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, First responders swiftly and courageously run toward emergencies, often putting their bodies and lives at risk to ensure the safety and well-being of others, whether in natural disasters, accidents, medical emergencies, or public health and safety emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, First responders throughout the United States have responded to many monumental events over the course of their careers such as: the attacks on September 11, 2001, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the Maui Wildfires in 2023 and most recently Hurricanes Helene and Milton, not to mention the calls they receive each day; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare October 28, 2024 as First Responders Day, and we recognize and remember those who have lost their lives and extend our appreciation to all first responders in Cook County and throughout the country who continue to put their lives on the line to make a better, stronger, and safer communities in Cook County and in counties throughout the United States.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Leo Schmitz will be receiving the Cook County Crime Stoppers Distinguished Service Award, and

WHEREAS Leo Schmitz presently serves as Chief of Police for the Cook County Sheriff's Office, and

WHEREAS Leo Schmitz has the distinct honor of receiving recognition from both colleagues and the communities he has served, and

WHEREAS Leo Schmitz's career started in 1986 with the Chicago Police Department where he eventually served as Commander of the Gang Enforcement Unit and Gang Investigations Section, and

WHEREAS Leo Schmitz has received over 160 honorable mentions, Fraternal Order of Police Distinguished Service Award, the Blue Star Award with the Chicago Police Department, Excellence in Law Enforcement, the Illinois Medal of Honor from the Governor and State of Illinois to name a few, and

WHEREAS Leo Schmitz has served the people of the State of Illinois, Cook County and the City of Chicago admirably and with honor

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Leo Schmitz on his distinguished career and being recognized by the Cook County Crimestoppers with this award, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of same be presented to Leo Schmitz.

[24-5834](#)

Sponsored by: DONNA MILLER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING HEALTH LITERACY AWARENESS MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the month of October is National Health Literacy Awareness Month, a month-long initiative in the United States and worldwide, which aims to raise awareness about the importance of health literacy and promote the integration and expansion of health literacy programs; and

WHEREAS, better health literacy helps overcome barriers and challenges that may result in harm. Working collectively to improve health literacy can create a more equitable world where everyone can attain positive health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, health literacy and health outcomes are interconnected, with an estimated 14 percent, or 1 in 7, adults in the United States having below basic proficiency in health literacy; and

WHEREAS, limited health literacy is a barrier to accessing health information, proper medication use, and following instructions from a health care provider all of which may adversely affect health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Healthy People 2030, which sets data-driven national objectives to improve health and well-being over the next decade, defines personal health literacy as the degree to which individuals have the ability to find, understand, and use information and services to inform health-related decisions and actions for themselves and others; and

WHEREAS, further, organizational health literacy is defined as the degree to which organizations equitably enable individuals to find, understand, and use information and services to inform health-related

decisions and actions for themselves and others; and

WHEREAS, personal health literacy is a social risk, associated with worse health care and health outcomes because individuals with limited personal health literacy are at higher risk of misunderstanding information that is important to achieving and maintaining health or losing their way in the fragmented health care system; and

WHEREAS, the impetus to divide the definition into 2 parts came from the Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary's Advisory Committee, which observed, "As health literacy research and practice have accumulated, we now more fully understand that responsibility for health literacy extends beyond individuals to include the organizations and professionals who create and deliver health information and services"; and

WHEREAS, health literacy is a foundational principle and overarching goal of Healthy People 2030 and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have long recognized that health literacy is not just the result of individual capacities but also the health-literacy related demands and complexities of the health care system; and

WHEREAS, putting health literacy principles into action advances health equity because health literacy has been identified as a contributor to health disparities, which are preventable differences in the burden of disease, injury, violence, or opportunities to achieve optimal health that are experienced by populations that have been socially, economically, geographically, and environmentally disadvantaged, and there is significant overlap in demographic characteristics of those who are at risk for health disparities and low health literacy; and

WHEREAS, health literacy advances equity by making health information accessible to all populations. healthcare systems, public health organizations, and the people they employ can all play a role in making their information easy to find, understand, and use; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "Artificial Intelligence and Health Literacy" can help us focus on how integrating AI into health literacy efforts, healthcare systems can not only minimize human errors but also tailor health communication to meet individual patient needs, making safety a personalized and accessible priority; and

WHEREAS, when patients are provided with culturally and linguistically appropriate information by health care organizations, they are empowered to create healthier outcomes for themselves and their communities; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body wishes to promote and raise awareness of health literacy during the month of October;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that 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

Health Literacy Awareness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conjunction with National Health Literacy Awareness Month, that the month of October 2024 be hereby declared Health Literacy Awareness Month in the County of Cook; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY DAY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, social media can be a force for the greater public good, providing a means for beneficial entertainment, education, socialization, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, social media has also demonstrably caused significant and widespread harm to the public, especially children; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General issued a warning on May 23, 2023, stating that “there are increasing concerns among researchers, parents and caregivers, young people, healthcare experts, and others about the impact of social media on youth mental health” with such concerns including anxiety, eating disorders, depression, and suicide; and

WHEREAS, this year, he has called on Congress to introduce a warning label on social media apps to highlight the potential harm they pose to young people; and

WHEREAS, social media is used to facilitate cyberbullying, privacy invasion, fraud, human trafficking, sexual harassment, sexual predation, hate, and disinformation; and

WHEREAS, additionally, social media platforms are routinely used to facilitate the sale of illegal narcotics which has resulted in multiple deaths nationwide, and

WHEREAS, other segments of society such as domestic violence survivors are also at increased risk of social media-related harms; and

WHEREAS, a University of Chicago Crime Law Report noted that teachers and school administrators report that a large share of in-school conflicts originate in social media disputes; and

WHEREAS, studies have found that hate groups, terrorist organizations both domestic and foreign, left-

and right-wing extremists, and street gangs are using social media platforms to recruit new members, threaten and harass individuals, incite violence and post violent videos; and

WHEREAS, studies have further found that such groups further utilize social media as a way to communicate about and organize their activities including flash mobs and organized retail thefts which are significantly and adversely impacting businesses and communities throughout Cook County and across the country, and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive approach on social media that promotes best practices across education, public policy, and technology increases our ability to protect families from these threats; and

WHEREAS, Cook County should continue to undertake efforts to mitigate and prevent current and emerging social media-related threats, provide guidance to those at risk, and bring awareness to the benefits and challenges of social media; and

WHEREAS, establishing an annual Social Media Safety Day will serve to promote efforts and awareness for the protection of our families and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners by the adoption of this Resolution hereby designates the 2nd Thursday in November as Social Media Safety Day annually in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALANNA JOI FORD, CHAMPION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called Alanna Joi Ford from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Alanna Joi Ford was born August 5th, 1965, and was a tireless and compassionate community advocate and champion for social justice, fighting for the rights and well-being of marginalized communities, working diligently to uplift those who face systemic injustices and inequities; and

WHEREAS, through her extensive work in social justice while working at the Rainbow Push Coalition as the Special Assistant to World Leader: Reverend Jesse L. Jackson Sr., Alanna Joi Ford demonstrated an

unwavering commitment to fostering equity, inclusion, and empowerment in her community; and

WHEREAS, Alanna Joi Ford a National Merit Scholarship recipient attended Boston University, Alanna accumulated many honors and accolades participating in local, state, and national speech competitions. She was a member of Links Incorporated Chicago Chapter, she was a Mother, a Daughter, and friend to many; and

WHEREAS, Alanna Joi Ford's impact extends beyond her community organizing; her advocacy inspired countless others to engage in civic life, her compassion touched the lives of individuals and families, providing hope, support, and a pathway to empowerment, setting an example of leadership, courage, and resilience;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby remember and formally honor Alanna Joi Ford for her outstanding contributions as a community advocate and social justice leader, whose work has made a lasting and transformative difference in the lives of countless individuals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body extends our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Alanna Joi Ford; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to the family of Alanna Joi Ford so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS MANUFACTURING MONTH

WHEREAS, manufacturing has historically represented one of the largest sectors in the Illinois economy, and today contributes hundred of billions of dollars in economic output annually - powering Illinois' position as a top five exporter in the nation with Illinois-made goods found worldwide; and

WHEREAS, nearly 14,000 manufacturers call Illinois home, providing employment for more than 550,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, Illinois reached significant milestones in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic thanks in large part to the efforts of manufacturers and distributors who came forward to provide critically indispensable supplies and protective equipment needed as well as ensure our food supply remained safe and plentiful; and

WHEREAS, Cook County remains committed to promoting and supporting the manufacturing sector, working to expand the support, resources, and benefits small businesses and entrepreneurs can receive from the county through M3 Chicago, which advances equitable and sustainable development by helping manufacturers expand, collaborate, network, innovate and access critical resources; and

WHEREAS, some of Cook County's manufacturing programs include Manufacturing Re-Invented that reimburses manufacturers countywide up to \$25,000 in eligible expenses toward the implementation of projects designed to improve productivity, develop future leaders, provide workforce training, and support business growth; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Metals Hub is a Cook County collaborative created in partnership with the Southland Development Authority to help the metals, machinery, and equipment (MM&E) industry diversify and grow; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is also part of The Illinois Defense Manufacturing Consortium (ILDMC) which brings together stakeholders from industry, community, government, and academia to strengthen the casting and forging sectors in northeastern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's Elk Grove Village is home to the largest industrial park in the United States with over 62,000,000 square feet of inventory, 5,600+ businesses, 22 data centers, and over 400 manufacturers who specialize in plastic, metal, food, tech, and more; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing Month is an opportunity for employers, employees, students, educators, and residents to celebrate the daily contributions made to enhance the culture, pride, and success of our communities in Illinois and Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare October 2024 Manufacturing Month in recognition of all the major contributions manufactures give to our communities every day.

[24-5878](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS HINDU HERITAGE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Hinduism is the third largest religion in the world, with one billion devotees worldwide, four million in the United States, and over 50,000 across Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the practice of Hinduism seeks to promote unity among all communities and educate society on issues affecting the Hindu American community; and

WHEREAS, Hindu Americans represent one of the world’s oldest civilizations, as well as one of the fastest growing communities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, guided through their beliefs in promoting knowledge, education, debate, and discourse, Hindu Americans have made significant contributions to our community in science, medicine, business, politics, and industry; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October, the culture, history, traditions, achievements, and contributions of Hindu Americans are recognized and celebrated throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Cook County embraces the diversity represented in our communities and remains dedicated to celebrating the richness of our Hindu American communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare October 2024 Hindu Heritage Month in Cook County.

[24-5469](#)

Sponsored by: TARA S. STAMPS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING MRS. LILLIAN DRUMMOND UPON HER 103rd BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Lillian Drummond, a beacon of light and longtime resident of the Austin Community, is a living example to all for her dedication, sacrifice and advocacy; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Drummond, was instrumental in the creation of the Austin Satellite Senior Center, a founding leader of the South Austin Coalition Community Council (SACCC); and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Drummond, through her tireless advocacy and leadership with SACCC, assisted the Austin community on several issues, including healthcare, labor, the environment, housing, education, and safety. SACCC has been a strong proponent of citizen involvement in the Austin Community; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Drummond has been a loud voice for utility assistance for families and has faced down powerful mayors and a president to fight for the plights of senior citizens and low-income families struggling to pay their energy bills; and,

WHEREAS, one of Mrs. Drummond’s signature achievements was to organize the Affordable Budget Coalition in 1985. The Coalition worked successfully to enact the 12% Energy Assistance Plan, which made heating and lighting available to low-income families; and,

WHEREAS, a strong focus of SACCC has been low income issues related to utilities and energy usage,

an area of public policy on which Mrs. Lillian Drummond has been especially active and effective; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Drummond has fortified numerous relationships with all levels of government city, county, state and federal officials; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Drummond famously approached former President Bill Clinton during an appearance by the President in Chicago in 1994, to personally register her concerns regarding proposed cuts to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP); and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Drummond's advocacy was instrumental in the successful passage of the Percentage of Income Payment Plan in 2009. Under that legislation, low-income individuals are allowed to pay only six percent of their income for energy and reconnection, and to continue to stay connected as long as they pay six percent of their income; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Drummond also helped to ensure that the Community and Economic Development Association supervised the funding of the Percentage of Income Payment Plan; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Drummond has been honored by many organizations, including the 2006 Edward Bailey Lifetime Community Service Act, the Illinois Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Award, and an honorary street designation by the City of Chicago; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Drummond, has provided influence, evoked change, and her advocacy efforts have reached far beyond her Congress Parkway home; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Drummond continues her battle to better her community; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby thank Mrs. Lillian Drummond for the important and commendable work on behalf of our County and wishes her many blessings on her birthday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be tendered to Mrs. Drummond, as a token of the esteem in which she is held by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

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Sponsored by: MAGGIE TREVOR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF ALICE F. FITZGERALD

WHEREAS, despite life's ups and downs, Alice F. Fitzgerald served the Rolling Meadows community with distinction for decades and fulfilled her wish to live to be 100; and

WHEREAS, Alice F. Fitzgerald, the youngest of four children, was born on January 29, 1922, in Oneida, New York, to John T. Lockley and Bertha Ophelia (Morgan) Lockley; and

WHEREAS, after she was born her parents drove the family to Sterling, Colorado, where her parents ran a hotel for railroaders; and

WHEREAS, as a teenager, Alice first worked in her parents' hotel, then moved to Chicago in the late 1930s to care for her older sister's children while attending Schurz High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1939 Alice returned to Colorado, graduating from Sterling High School at age 17. That year, magazine salesman Ted F. Fitzgerald checked into her parents' hotel; three days later Alice eloped with Ted to Ogallala, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, after traveling the country with her husband for his job, the couple settled in Chicago. In August 1942, Alice gave birth to the couple's only child, Frank; and

WHEREAS, in 1943 her husband Ted became disabled after contracting polio. To support her family, Alice became a machine operator for Transo Envelope Company in Chicago, rising to the rank of factory production manager before retiring in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Alice and her family moved to Rolling Meadows in 1955 as original residents of the city, making a \$10 downpayment on the home in which she lived for 66 years; and

WHEREAS, after her husband's death in 2000, Alice frequently cared for her neighbors' children and her grandchildren and regularly volunteered at the Rolling Meadows Department of Public Works, Fire and Police Departments, Library, Senior Center, and the Historical Society, receiving many awards for civic engagement and for caring for others; and

WHEREAS, Alice Fitzgerald served several years as President of the Rolling Meadows Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Alice fulfilled her wish of living to see her 100th birthday, which the City of Rolling Meadows celebrated with a parade of city vehicles in front of her home; and

WHEREAS, she passed peacefully at home, a year after the passing of her beloved dog Mia and just three days before her 102nd birthday; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her son, Frank; daughter-in-law Pamela Robert; grandchildren Sean Fitzgerald, Laurie Fitzgerald Graham, Timothy Eden Robert-Fitzgerald; and Carrington Aiden Robert-Fitzgerald; her great-grandchild Brenda (Fitzgerald) Hastings; and her great-great-grandchildren Jeremy and Connor Rubas; and

WHEREAS, Alice is remembered as a caring, fun-loving person with an infectious laugh, who was loved by many and will be forever remembered and missed by those fortunate enough to have met her;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Alice G. Fitzgerald, 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 the family of Alice G. Fitzgerald so that her memory may be so honored and cherished.