



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

**Consent Agenda**

**for the**

**Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

**Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 11:00 AM**

**15-5578**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, and DEBORAH SIMS, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF ROSA J. MARTIN**

**WHEREAS**, Rosa J. Martin (affectionately known as “Mama Rosa”) of Chicago, Illinois celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by friends and family; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosa was born on September 18, 1915 in Carroll County, Mississippi. Her birth certificate does not indicate a particular health facility or hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosa along with two brothers and a sister were orphaned at an early age, separated out of economic necessity with she and a brother being raised by her aunt and uncle Tim and Minnie McCain in Teoc, Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosa was one of the first students at Mississippi Valley State College; official records of the Carroll County School Board reflect that Rosa taught in two one-room school houses, Valley View and Ware, during the early 1950’s; and from 1953 to 1957 she taught at Marshall Elementary School where she had a reputation for being a strict disciplinarian. Rosa stated that failure was not an option for her, her brother and the students under her tutelage; and

**WHEREAS**, when she administered corporal punishment, according to her son Bennie Martin, if you were smart, it only happened once, to which he cannot bear witness, but can assure you twice was extremely convincing. She also coached the girls basketball team at the high school level; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosa came to Chicago in 1957 and became a licensed practical nurse at Cook County Hospital (now known as John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital); and

**WHEREAS**, Rosa has nine children; Charity, George, Robert, Bennie, Leona, Henry, Betty, John and Lona; twenty-three, grandchildren, twenty-nine great-grandchildren and a host of great-great grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosa worked as a political activist, with past Cook County Board President George Dunne, former Alderman Bill Singer, and served as an Election Judge for the Cook County Board of Elections.. Rosa worked as a Legal Assistant in the Law Office of Benjamin E. Martin and was a tax preparer for many years in her north side neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, in the late 1960’s and early 1970’s Rosa was one of the founding members of an organization called “ The United Friends” which was a low income housing development in the 1300 and 1400 block of North Cleveland Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, along with her teaching responsibility Rosa also drove a bus that transported kids to school, she made extraordinary contribution to assist those less fortunate which was her life’s mission; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosa’s favorite sayings was “Don’t let your wooden God or corn stalk Jesus fool you, I will slap you happy and dare you to shout”; and

**WHEREAS**, Rosa is truly a remarkable woman and mother, who holds the value of motherhood at the top of her list, she has set an example that still continues to be set by her family today; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County congratulate Rosa J. Martin on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy of same be tendered to Rosa J. Martin.

**15-5583**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, LARRY SUFFREDIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioners and TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OCTOBER AS ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS**, the first Italians came to Chicago and Cook County as early as the 1850s; and

**WHEREAS**, immigration of Italians peaked in the period 1900 to 1914, in Chicago, Cook County and the United States, reaching five million immigrants before World War I, with immigrants from all over Italy, but especially from Tuscany and the southern regions of Sicily, Puglia, Calabria and Naples; and

**WHEREAS**, the early Italian immigrants became cement and sewer workers, tailors and seamstresses, soldiers and sailors, barbers, grocers, bakers and cooks, as well as many other professions throughout our county; and

**WHEREAS**, Italian immigrants supported and helped grow the Archdiocese of Chicago, the second largest Roman Catholic archdiocese in the United States, with the addition of many priests and nuns, schools, hospitals and parishes throughout the city and suburban communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the first American Roman Catholic to be canonized was Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, an immigrant, who founded her religious order and two hospitals in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, various neighborhoods grew as a result of Italians migrating to Chicago, in every part of the city, and later in various suburban communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Italian American restaurants, music, art and culture flourish in our city, its suburbs and the

county; and

**WHEREAS**, many Italian American clubs, associations and organizations developed and continue to thrive in our city, county and region, under the “umbrella” of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, promoting religion, culture, the arts, sports, cuisine, and everything Italian and American; and

**WHEREAS**, today Italian Americans play a vital role in the quality of life in Chicago, Cook County and Illinois, in a variety of corporate board rooms, in journalism, government, public safety and service, sports and social life; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus Day, a federal and state holiday, is celebrated in October; and

**WHEREAS**, Italian Americans have proudly and successfully integrated into the American way of life in Cook County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby designate October as Italian American Heritage Month in Cook County, Illinois.

**15-5646**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**MANUFACTURING AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH, OCTOBER 2015**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County in partnership with the counties of DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will and the City of Chicago, the Chicago Metro Metal Consortium, was designated an ‘Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership’ Community by the United States Department of Commerce in June, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, northeastern Illinois is a leading manufacturing center whose metal manufacturers generate more than \$30 billion in annual revenues and act as a driver of regional economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 1800 metal manufacturing firms located in Cook County provide well-paying manufacturing jobs for 51,000 employees and create broad-based prosperity; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County in partnership with the Chicago Metro Metal Consortium are collaborating with manufacturers, educational institutions and workforce providers, nonprofits, trade associations, and economic development organizations to support and strengthen the region’s manufacturing sector; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fabricators and Manufacturers Association, International (FMA), the National Association of Manufacturers, and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) have designated October 2, 2015 as National Manufacturing Day and October as Manufacturing Awareness and

Appreciation month; and

**WHEREAS**, manufacturers, educational institutions, and other organizations in Cook County will be hosting events on October 2, 2015 and throughout the month of October to showcase the high-skilled and well-paying jobs afforded by a career in manufacturing, to support and promote a positive public image of manufacturing, and to ensure the continued growth of the manufacturing industry; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October, 2015 as Manufacturing Awareness and Appreciation Month in Cook County, Illinois and urge all residents to join in recognizing the important role of manufacturing in our county.

**15-5696**

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**REPRESENTATIVE ESTHER GOLAR, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS** Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Representative Esther Golar from our midst, and

**WHEREAS** Esther Golar was the loving mother of Tiffany Golar, and

**WHEREAS** Esther Golar was the cherished grandmother of Briana Golar, Toni Common, Ananea Common, and Jayden Golar, and

**WHEREAS** Esther Golar was born in Chicago on April 16, 1944, one of nine children, and

**WHEREAS** Esther Golar grew up in the West Englewood neighborhood, graduated from Malcolm X College, and resided in Englewood, and

**WHEREAS** Esther Golar was first appointed to the Illinois House of Representatives in 2005, and prior to that was a community organizer in Englewood working with the Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy program, and

**WHEREAS** for nearly ten years Esther Golar represented her constituents honorably, fighting tirelessly as an advocate for effective government service, strong neighborhoods, safer schools, and expanding health care, and

**WHEREAS** throughout her tenure as Representative, Esther Golar served as House Chairwoman of the Legislative Black Caucus, Chair of the Elementary and Secondary Education: School Curriculum and

Policies Committee, Chair of the Public Policy and Accountability for Education Committee, and Chair and Vice-Chair of the Housing and Disability Services Committees, and

**WHEREAS** Esther Golar could be seen lightening the debate on the House floor by frequently breaking out into song, lifting the spirits of her colleagues, and

**WHEREAS** recently Esther Golar sang a rendition of the civil rights anthem “We Shall Not Be Moved” in her opposition to a legislative proposal to limit collective bargaining rights, and

**WHEREAS** all who knew her will attest that Esther Golar 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; and

**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 Esther Golar, 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 the same be tendered to the family of Representative Esther Golar so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

**15-5702**

**Sponsored by:** JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**SALUTE TO OUR ARMED FORCES**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Cook pays tribute to the service men and women of the Armed Forces who have valiantly defended our Country and continue to preserve our freedom so that we and our children can have a better future; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of our Armed Forces and veteran organizations hold themselves to the highest standards and the example set by their willingness to answer the call to duty gives this great Nation continued strength and vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, the people and leadership of Cook County remember and honor the brave and noble service and sacrifice of the members of our Armed Forces and our veterans as well as the sacrifice and dedication of their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy warmly welcomes all military personnel

and veterans of all wars and their families to be honored at the 5th annual special Salute to Our Armed Forces on October 15, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of our Armed Forces are true American military heroes and patriots who serve with honor and dignity and inspire us through their selfless and steadfast commitment to our Country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners express their deep gratitude and appreciation to the service members, military families and veterans who keep this nation strong and safe; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to our military members and veterans attending the Salute to our Armed Forces event in honor of their service and sacrifice to this grateful County and Nation.

**15-5711**

**Sponsored by:** PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. VINCENT FERRER SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, in 1931, Rev. William P. McIntyre, O.P., began organizing St. Vincent Ferrer Parish in River Forest, directing the construction of a small frame church for approximately thirty families; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1935, architect Zachary Davis laid out plans for St. Vincent Ferrer's property, including a church, a school, a convent, and a rectory, in the English Gothic style of architecture; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the Depression, construction of the school was delayed until 1939. In 1940, the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, led by principal Sister Ramona McAllister, O.P., began conducting classes in the new four-classroom school with a total enrollment of 44 pupils; and

**WHEREAS**, by the spring of 1942, the school enrollment had grown to 144 so four more classrooms and the auditorium were added; and

**WHEREAS**, Father McIntyre passed away in 1942 but was present in spirit when the first class graduated in 1943. Rev. Richard B. Connolly, O.P, was named pastor; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1947, the convent was constructed. At that time, 150 families belonged to the parish and 300 children attended the school; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Vincent Ferrer experienced rapid growth in the years following World War II. Shortly after he was appointed pastor in September 1950, Rev. Stephen Redmond, O.P., launched a \$250,000 fund drive for a twelve-room school addition; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1954, ground was broken for a new church as the parish now accommodated 1,259 families; and

**WHEREAS**, after the new church was finished, the school children sold “Chocolate Covered Almonds” to raise money to turn the auditorium, which had been used for church services, to a gymnasium; and

**WHEREAS**, by 1957, when Rev. Benjamin Arend, O.P, became pastor, the school enrollment had blossomed to 929 students and a faculty of seventeen religious and four lay teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, the largest graduating class was 127 in 1961 and the smallest was 19 in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Vincent Ferrer School, a model of academic excellence, now provides 246 students with a mission that continues in the Dominican tradition of study, prayer, service, and community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby commend St. Vincent Ferrer School for providing excellence in Catholic education throughout its 75-year history; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this text be tendered to the St. Vincent Ferrer community to commemorate its anniversary.

**15-5749**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, DEBORAH SIMS, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, ROBERT STEELE and TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS**

**WHEREAS**, the month of October is recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States about 1 in 8 women (about 12%) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, an estimated 231,840 new cases of invasive breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 60,290 new cases of non-invasive (in situ ) breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, about 2,350 new cases of invasive breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed in men in 2014. A man’s lifetime risk of breast cancer is about 1 in 1,000; and

**WHEREAS**, breast cancer incidence rates in the U.S. began decreasing in the year 2000, after increasing for the previous two decades. They dropped by 7% from 2002 to 2003 alone; and



**WHEREAS**, about 40,290 women in the United States were expected to die in 2015 from breast cancer, though death rates have been decreasing since 1989, with larger decreases in women under the age of 50. These decreases are thought to be result of treatment advances, earlier detection through screening, and increased awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, for women in the United States, breast cancer death rates are higher than those for any other cancer, besides lung cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, white women are slightly more likely to develop breast cancer than African-American women. However, in women under 45, breast cancer is more common in African-American women than white women. Overall, African - American women are more likely to die of breast cancer. Asian, Hispanic, and Native-American women have a lower risk of developing and dying from breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, there are more the 2.8 million women with a history of breast cancer in the United States. This includes women currently being treated and women who have finished treatment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of more than 5 million residents of Cook County, do hereby take this opportunity to acknowledge Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**15-5803**

**Sponsored by:** JESÚS G. GARCÍA, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, PETER N. SILVESTRI and ROBERT STEELE, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DELANO GRAPE STRIKE & BOYCOTT, AND MARCOS MUÑOZ'S LEADERSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, on September 16th, 1965, led by César Estrada Chávez, the National Farm Workers Association joined Filipino-American grape workers in a historic strike that included a series of peaceful, non-violent demonstrations in support of better pay and improved working conditions such as portable toilets, clean drinking water, and the stoppage of pesticide spraying during work hours; and

**WHEREAS**, those peaceful, non-violent demonstrations included a 300-mile march from Delano to Sacramento, California where 150 people covered 15 miles per day and galvanized an additional 10,000 supporters on March 17, 1966; and

**WHEREAS**, Marcos Escalante Muñoz served as an organizer of the march to Sacramento, and walked ahead of the marchers and would get residents of the local towns to provide food and water; and

**WHEREAS**, those peaceful, non-violent demonstrations sparked grape boycotts throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of grape workers were appointed to raise awareness and garner support for the grape workers in 10 cities where the 10 major grape producers were located; and

**WHEREAS**, Marcos Escalante Muñoz served as Director of the New England Boycott for the National Farm Workers Association from 1967 to 1970, where in Boston his organizing efforts reduced the sale of grapes by 43% in his first two years, resulting in the most successful boycott city in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1975, Marcos Escalante Muñoz has been a stalwart of civic engagement in various communities in Cook County, and has been a pillar of the Little Village community in Chicago having organized 43 block clubs and was a founding member of the non-profit organization, Enlace Chicago; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor the 50th Anniversary of the DELANO GRAPE STRIKE & BOYCOTT, AND MARCOS ESCALANTE MUÑOZ'S LEADERSHIP.

**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 MARCOS ESCALANTE MUÑOZ in honor of this auspicious occasion.

**15-5813**

**Sponsored by:** RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONGRATULATING REVEREND DR. MARSHALL ELIJAH HATCH SR. ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW MOUNT PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Hatch has been the Pastor of the New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church since 1993. His spiritual development began in Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of his father, the late Reverend Elijah Hatch.

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Hatch has earned doctorate and master's degrees in ministry and theological studies, respectively, from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois.

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Hatch commenced the Westside Isaiah Plan and Ezra Homes interfaith affordable housing development projects that built over 200 single family homes in Chicago. Dr. Hatch also established Passports to the World, an annual overseas mission trip for inner city youth. He has also launched visitation and correspondence ministry for the incarcerated in the Illinois Department of

Corrections and Cook County Jail; organized the Mountain Men Ministries and Enterprises, the Christian Sisters women's support ministry, a Substance Abuse Task Force, the Safe Haven after school program, and the Pilgrim Development Corporation of West Garfield Park.

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Hatch's landmark book, "Project America: Memoirs of Faith and Hope to Win the Future," was published in 2012.

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Hatch married the former Priscilla Murchison. God placed four children in their home: Joyce, Janelle, Marshall, and Maurice.

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Hatch served as a member of the Chicago School Board Nominating Commission from 1989 to 1991. He served as the Moderator of the Friendship Baptist District Association. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Land of Lincoln Health Co-op, and was appointed a Trustee of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois in 2013.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Reverend Dr. Marshall Elijah Hatch Sr. is to be congratulated on the achievement of his 25th Anniversary at New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, and that the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is to be extended to Reverend Dr. Marshall Elijah Hatch Sr. for his service to his Church and to the wider community.

**15-5823**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CELEBRATING CHICAGO IDEAS WEEK 2015**

**WHEREAS**, October 12-18, 2015 is Chicago Ideas Week in the city of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Chicago Ideas is a movement built on the belief that when a broad spectrum of thinkers and instigators share ideas we have the power to transform our world; and

**WHEREAS**, 2015 marks the 5th anniversary of Chicago Ideas Week which also holds monthly events from February through June; and

**WHEREAS**, Chicago Ideas Week consists of 90 minute "Talks" with world-renowned leaders; hour long "Conversations" centered around timely and provocative topics; and small-group "Labs" that provide a behind-the-scenes view of Chicago Organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the featured speakers for Chicago Ideas Week 2015 include: Michael Strahan; Martha Stewart; Gen. (Ret.) David Petraeus; Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO); Rep. John Lewis (D-GA); Mayor of Philadelphia Michael Nutter; Rebecca Minkoff; Common; Marc Lamont Hill; and a wide array of others.

**WHEREAS**, CIW YOU(th) provides 450 high school students from at-risk communities direct access to Chicago Ideas Week programming by providing the opportunity to go behind-the-scenes of companies and organizations and have intimate small group interactions with featured speakers; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Government is hosting a CIW YOU(th) Lab this year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do commend and congratulate Chicago Ideas Week for all that they do to stimulate thought and progress in Chicago and Cook County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Chicago Ideas Week as a means of communicating our gratitude for their tireless efforts to lead Chicago and Cook County into the future.

**15-5826**

**Sponsored by:** LARRY SUFFREDIN, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MURIEL CHALEM**

**WHEREAS**, Muriel Chalem, a woman whose life was devoted to family, faith and community died at the age of 91 leaving friends, family and a community profoundly enriched for having known her; and

**WHEREAS** Muriel Chalem, often described as quietly remarkable, was a woman whose numerous accomplishments were anything but quiet and were most certainly remarkable; she represented the best qualities of humanity through her life-long work as an activist and community leader; and

**WHEREAS**, Muriel Chalem and her husband Richard Chalem were married in 1947. In 1954 they moved the family to Evanston to raise their family and enroll them in schools that reflected their deeply held progressive values of inclusion and opportunity for all. In Evanston they became treasured neighbors and community leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Muriel Chalem understood the vital importance of the arts, she had an idea that would

ultimately lead her to create First Night Evanston, an enduring and popular New Year's Eve family event that celebrates all types of artistic expression. For many years she was a vital and valued member of the Board of Directors of Next Theater in Evanston and she served as president of the Evanston Arts Council which was responsible for producing some of the most popular city art festivals in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Muriel Chalem worked for many years at Evanston School District 65's Haven Middle School where she was adored by the students and became an indispensable member of the team. The principal at Haven who later was elected mayor of the city of Evanston, Lorraine Morton described Muriel as "her right arm" and added that "Muriel was lovely and nice to absolutely everyone"; and

**WHEREAS**, later, after she retired from Haven she became a trusted aide to Illinois State Senator Arthur Berman and assisted in staffing his constituent services office in Rogers Park and Evanston; and

**WHEREAS**, Muriel Chalem was a respected community leader throughout her life. Her deeply held religious beliefs led her to establish the first Conservative synagogue in Evanston, Mikdosh El Synagogue; and

**WHEREAS**, Muriel Chalem was a lover of sports and, along with her late husband they helped found the United Soccer Association of Evanston and encouraged the participation of their children and grandchildren in numerous sports programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Muriel Chalem's many contributions were recognized in 2004 when she received the Unsung Heroine Award from the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues as part of their annual event honoring outstanding women leaders at their Women's History Month Awards; and

**WHEREAS**, Muriel Chalem's kindness and generosity were treasured by her Monday Bridge Club and by her dear friends and fellow opera-goers. She was a person who enjoyed late nights and Frank Sinatra songs. Those who knew and loved Muriel were charmed by her lack of interest in nearly anything that took place before 11:00am in the morning; her email and car license plate were proudly entitled RyzsL8; and

**WHEREAS**, Muriel Chalem was a tireless supporter of progressive values. She spent much of her free time working to promote the values of the Democratic Party. Her fundraisers were legendary. Muriel was one of the founders of the Democratic Party of Evanston, an organization that, thanks to her tireless efforts has grown to be one of the largest in the state. While well into her 80's Muriel was still a vibrant part of the organization, memorably traveling to Springfield at the crack of dawn and well before 11:00 in the morning to attend the announcement of Barack Obama when he entered the race for president of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Muriel Chalem was cherished not just in her community she was also a much loved mother of four children, Claire Chalem-White (Dale White), Michael Chalem (Sylvia Chalem), Alan Chalem (Heidi Essig-Chalem) and Frances (Stephen) Fontana. She was the proud grandmother and will be sorely missed by her grandchildren: Ashley, Courtney, Jackie, Mark, Caitlin, Richard "Tyler", Dylan, Danielle, and Patrick; 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 commemorates the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Muriel Chalem, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she has made to the Citizens of 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 Muriel Chalem...end

**15-5828**

**Sponsored by:** JOHN P. DALEY, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, County Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**IN CELEBRATION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE TRINITY**

**WHEREAS**, First Lutheran Church of the Trinity was founded in 1865 as the first Lutheran church on Chicago's near south side; and

**WHEREAS**, First Lutheran Church of the Trinity is the third oldest “daughter” to First Immanuel (1124 S. Ashland) established in 1854 and “granddaughter” to First Saint Paul (1301 N. LaSalle) established in 1847; and

**WHEREAS**, Currently the oldest Christian congregation in the Bridgeport neighborhood of Chicago, First Trinity was originally located on the southeast corner of 25th Place and S. Canal; and

**WHEREAS**, the church began as a German immigrant parish named “Ev. Luth. Dreieinigkeits” (Evangelical Lutheran Trinity), supported an elementary school, and earned the nickname “Mother Church of the South Side” by numerous branch schools that eventually developed into “daughter” congregations on the south side of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Members of the First Lutheran Church of the Trinity believe that the Gospel is a message of liberation, forgiveness, renewed life, and transformation, and that the Gospel is deeply relevant to our lives today; and

**WHEREAS**, First Lutheran Church of the Trinity is a forward-facing church and welcomes all and any who are interested in becoming part of a faith community; and

**WHEREAS**, On Sunday November 1, 2015 First Lutheran Church of the Trinity will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, a large part of the mission at First Trinity is to provide a safe place and a place of belonging for people from all walks of life; and

**WHEREAS**, for 150 years First Lutheran Church of the Trinity has served as a beacon of hope for the surrounding community, organizing countless charitable actions including clothing drives, meals for the less fortunate, and youth group sleepovers; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby congratulate Pastor Tom Gaulke and the congregation of First Lutheran Church of the Trinity on this joyous occasion; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the Official Proceedings of this Honorable Body, and that a suitable copy of same be tendered to Pastor Tom Gaulke in commemoration of this occasion and in grateful acknowledgment of the important contributions to Cook County made by First Lutheran Church of the Trinity over the last 150 years.