



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, April 13, 2016, 11:00 AM

16-2344

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MAY 1, 2016 AS NATIONAL LAW DAY

WHEREAS, Law Day is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day underscores how law and the legal process contribute to the freedoms that all Americans share; and

WHEREAS, Law Day has its origin in 1957, when American Bar Association (ABA) President Charles S. Rhyne envisioned a special day for celebrating our legal system; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day by issuing a Proclamation proclaiming it "fitting that the people of this Nation should remember with pride and vigilantly guard the great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under law which our forefathers bequeathed to us." Every President since has issued an annual Law Day Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 1961, Congress passed a Joint Resolution, designating May 1 as Law Day. The theme of Law Day 2016 is "*Miranda: More than Words*"; and

WHEREAS, the year 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of a milestone in legal history, the United States Supreme Court's landmark 1966 decision in *Miranda v. Arizona*. In *Miranda*, the Supreme Court held that the state may not use statements stemming from custodial interrogation of a suspect in police custody unless it demonstrates the use of procedural safeguards effective to secure the privilege against self-incrimination; and

WHEREAS, the *Miranda* decision put forth the rule that requires the police to provide legal warning to criminal suspects in police custody before they are interrogated. This legal warning apprises suspects of their right to remain silent, their right to an attorney, and their right to appointed counsel in cases where they cannot afford an attorney; and

WHEREAS, the *Miranda* Warning has become one of the nation's most recognizable legal expressions and a symbol of procedural fairness; and

WHEREAS, the criminal justice system still faces many challenges and we rededicate ourselves to the goal of ensuring that all are aware of their rights and have the opportunity to exercise them in a meaningful manner; and

WHEREAS, this Law Day provides an opportunity to understand the procedural protections afforded to all by the U.S. Constitution and how these rights are safeguarded by the courts and why the preservation of these principles is essential to our liberty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize May 1, 2016 as National Law Day and its theme of "*Miranda: More than Words*"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cook County Law Library will celebrate the Law Day by continuing in its mission of providing legal information resources as a component of access to justice to ensure that all can explore and discover their legal rights.

16-2366

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING APRIL 22, 2016 AS NATIONAL EARTH DAY

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2016 Earth Day will be celebrated across the country for the 46th year; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Earth Day 2016 is to broaden and diversify the environmental movement in order to build a healthy, sustainable environment and address climate change; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government has invested in energy efficiency improvements for buildings resulting in an 11% decrease in harmful greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions since 2010; and

WHEREAS, to continue decreasing GHG emissions it is necessary to broaden and diversify the number of employees participating in sustainable and efficient practices at work and at home; and

WHEREAS, with a workforce of over 22,000, Cook County through its employees can make significant contributions to reductions in GHG emissions throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, an employee change program to address energy-consuming behaviors was included as a part of the guaranteed energy savings projects approved by this Board in July 2015; and

WHEREAS, employees' thoughts and suggestions on sustainability are the basis of the program through the feedback they have provided in working groups and surveys; and

WHEREAS, this feedback will determine how the behavioral change program will be structured to create and sustain cultures of energy efficiency in the many various work settings across the County; and

WHEREAS, this program provides information to employees that they can share with their family and neighbors, spreading good environmental practices throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the County is committed to creating a livable and sustainable community by working with our employees and communities to reduce the effect of human activity on the environment by initiating and promoting energy and material conservation programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Commissioners of the County of Cook, State of Illinois, that the President and Board of Commissioners support April 22, 2016 as "Earth Day".

16-2524

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

HONORING THE 48th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING ACT AND PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, April 2016 marks the 48th Anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Federal Fair Housing act. Adopted in the wake of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Fair Housing Act transformed the legal rights that all Americans have to rent and own homes in communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fair Housing Act created a national policy of fair housing and today prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status or disability; and

WHEREAS, 2016 additionally marks the 37th anniversary of the Illinois Human Rights Act, a law which prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color religion, national origin, sex, physical or mental disability, familial status, age, ancestry, marital status, disability, military status, unfavorable discharge from military service, sexual orientation or order of protection status; and

WHEREAS, housing discrimination and barriers to equal housing opportunity are corrosive and undermine a common sense of decency and fairness; and

WHEREAS, economic stability, community health and human relations in all communities are advanced by diversity and integration; and

WHEREAS, advocates and non-profits for fair housing assisted by the Federal Fair Housing Act have worked tirelessly to promote just and nondiscriminatory practices; and

WHEREAS, one of those non-profits is Open Communities, a leading voice for housing, economic and social justice in north suburban Chicago. Their mission is to educate, advocate and organize to promote just and inclusive communities in north suburban Chicago. Open Communities will host a celebration of the Fair Housing Act at their 12th Annual Fair Housing Month Event entitled “What is Home” on Wednesday, April 19 at Curt’s Café South from 6pm to 9pm at 1813 Dempster Street in Evanston; and

WHEREAS, the talents of grassroots and non-profit organizations, housing service providers, financial institutions, elected officials, state and county agencies, and others must be combined to promote and preserve integration, fair housing and equal opportunity; 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 takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the 48th Anniversary of the Federal Fair Housing Act and herewith honors the progress and impact that the Fair Housing Act has made in bettering the lives of the citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the month of April be proclaimed Fair Housing Month in Cook County; 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 Open Communities at their 12th Annual Fair Housing Month Event on Wednesday, April 19, 2016.

16-2565

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF JIM & PETE’S RESTAURANT

WHEREAS, in the spring of 1941, brothers-in-law Jim Sorce Sr. and Pete Pizzo opened Jim & Pete’s as a counter-service pizzeria at Chicago Avenue and Pulaski Road in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, a few years later, the two parted ways and Sorce Sr. moved the pizzeria to River Forest, near the corner of North and Harlem avenues; and

WHEREAS, Jim Sorce Sr. couldn’t afford a new sign when he moved the business so the old Jim and Pete’s sign came with him even though there was no longer a Pete involved in the business; and

WHEREAS, after spending more than thirty years at the River Forest location, the restaurant moved north across the street and a few blocks west to its current Elmwood Park location at 7806 W. North Avenue; and

WHEREAS, although both original owners are deceased, the current owners, Jimmy Sorce Jr. and Michael Bucchianeri, expanded the business in 1991, doubling the size of the restaurant and offering a full-service bar; and

WHEREAS, Sorce Jr. and Bucchianeri remain committed to using the finest ingredients and designed a menu that balances updated items with traditional favorites, such as fried calamari, pasta, and meatballs, which they make by the thousands each week; and

WHEREAS, Jim & Pete’s famous pizza-the recipe unchanged since 1941-remains a menu favorite; and

WHEREAS, many of the restaurant’s 42 employees have been with Jim & Pete’s for years-some, for almost two decades or more-which has helped to create the restaurant’s welcoming environment; and

WHEREAS, to thank its customers, Jim & Pete's will be offering anniversary specials throughout the month of April and will be giving away gift cards to diners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the owners and employees of Jim & Pete's for their decades of service to the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a commemorative copy of this resolution be tendered to Jim & Pete's as it celebrates its 75th Anniversary.

16-2568

Sponsored by: LUIS ARROYO JR, County Commissioner

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING ROSA E. MARTINEZ-COLON - PAVING THE WAY FOR 25 YEARS

WHEREAS, a Puerto Rican native, Rosa E. Martinez-Colon's first experience with HIV/AIDS was when a neighborhood friend died from the virus. Soon after, more friends experienced the devastating symptoms of HIV/AIDS. At this time, Rosa did not know just how much her life's work would impact the lives of thousands of people affected by HIV/AIDS;

WHEREAS, Rosa was one of several community activists, service providers and HIV+ individuals who responded to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Latino community in 1991 by founding CALOR (Comprensión y Apoyo a Latinos en Oposición al Retrovirus) along with co-founder Omar Lopez. Rosa was approached by Saul Maravilla, a classmate, looking for a space a group of Latinos needed to meet on this vital topic, Rosa opened the doors to the first support group;

WHEREAS, Rosa was invited to attend training offered by the now defunct Stop AIDS Chicago on Women and HIV. It was here that Rosa would find her calling. Rosa was set on her path by the lack of information offered to women on the virus, even though women were as heavily impacted by HIV/AIDS as men were. Spanish material on the virus was almost non-existent. Rosa knew she had to change this;

WHEREAS, with the need for more support groups and resources for the Latino communities, CALOR's mission, was to continue offering support groups for Latinos affected by the HIV virus and for Hispanic HIV/AIDS service providers. The emphasis was put on providing intervention initiatives and building support systems for people recently diagnosed. In 1993, with the help of grants, the organization began offering case management and mental health services. Later, essential prevention initiatives were developed along with employment placement services;

WHEREAS, in 1997, CALOR merged with Anixter Center, a well-respected and established provider of services for people with disabilities of all ages. The merger allowed CALOR to increase the programs and services it offered to people with HIV/AIDS and to reach out to people with other disabilities. Following this merger, CALOR continued to expand, opening Casa Contreras, a 17-unit building named after two of CALOR's other founding members-Salvador and Jose Luis Contreras. Then, a new HIV/AIDS prevention and education program targeting young Latino men called A.C.E (Advocating for Community Empowerment), now one of CALOR's programs they are known for;

WHEREAS, having moved to a larger space located at 5038 W. Armitage, on the city’s north side, CALOR is still growing. From a weekly support group, CALOR has grown to offer 7 programs providing services to 6 different populations. In 2010, Rosa was Community Co-Chairs for the Host Committee for the U.S. Conference on AIDS, which was held in Chicago in 2011;

WHEREAS, the following year she was selected as an Ambassador to the XIX International AIDS Conference in Washington, D.C. Most recently, Rosa was elected Co-Chair of the National Latino AIDS Action Network. She also serves as a member of the Steering Committee for the Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities, as well as with the AIDS Foundation of Chicago’s Service Provider Council and the Case Management Cooperative Leadership Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board, issue a proclamation that all the citizens of Cook County thank and congratulate Rosa E. Martinez-Colon for 25 years of continuous dedication to not only the Latino community but to the countless patients, families and friends suffering from HIV/AIDS and the effects of such.

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 Rosa E. Martinez-Colon present today to commemorate this milestone event.

16-2591

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

THOMAS J. EGAN, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Thomas J. Egan from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Egan was the beloved husband of Mary Ann (nee Brice) for many wonderful years; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Egan was the loving father of Tom (Laurie), Tim (Pat), Kathleen (Barry) Ecklund, and Kerry (Jim) Kilbane; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Egan was the cherished “Da” of Sean, Grant and Shannon Egan, Jordan and Brendan Egan, Madeline and Emily Ecklund, and Maggie and Macauley Kilbane; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Egan was the adoring great-grandfather of Isabela; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Egan was the dear brother of Kay (the late Frank) Balda; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Egan was the fond brother-in-law of Bernie (Mary Alice) Brice, Harry (Jennifer) Brice and the late Patti (the late Jim) Karr; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Egan was the fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Egan was a lifelong Bridgeport resident and an active and respected member of the community; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Egan was a lieutenant with the Chicago Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Egan touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Thomas J. Egan was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his 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 of Thomas J. Egan, 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 Thomas J. Egan so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

16-2609

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, 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

A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DOCTOR LARRY JAMES THOMAS

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom, saw fit to call Dr. Larry James Thomas from our midst on March 31, 2016, and into eternity; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Larry James Thomas was born into life on June 20, 1946 to Edward and Mary Thomas in Chicago, Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas received his Bachelors of Arts degree in English at North Park University in 1972, a Master's of Science degree in School Guidance and Counseling from Chicago State University in 1988 and a Masters of Arts in School Administration in 1990 from CSU. He was especially proud of receiving his Doctorate of Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University in 1998; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas held many teaching positions during his career from 1970 to 2007, but counted his position as an educator at Coles Language Academy among his most beloved professional experiences; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas received many awards within and outside of his profession, among which were the Blum Kolver Educator of the Year Award in 1985, the State of Illinois' Distinguished Principal award in 2007, the LAUNCH Mentor of the Year Award in 2003, the CPS Outstanding Leadership Award in 1999, the Phi Delta Kappa Outstanding Educator Award, among many others; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas cofounded a group known as "Retirees in Motion." The group met for lunch every second Tuesday of the month and Dr. Thomas was always a smiling and enthusiastic presence at these gatherings. Under Dr. Thomas's stewardship, the group went from five to 80 members; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas was a valued and vibrant member of his community and his profession. His memberships and affiliations included the following groups: National and Chicago Associations for Black School Educators; Illinois Principals Association; Retired Teachers Association of Chicago; Board of Directors for the Chicago Principals and Administrators Association; Black United Fund; Glenwood Police Pension Board of Trustees; and the Educational Task Force for the Rich Township School District 227; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas leaves behind one son, one daughter, two grandsons, five brothers, five sisters, two cousins, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, fraternity brothers and special friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that the life of Dr. Larry James Thomas is to be celebrated, and that the sincere gratitude of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is to be extended to the family and friends of Dr. Larry Thomas for his service to his students and to his community.

16-2613

Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, County Commissioner, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, LUIS ARROYO JR, 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

A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MOURNING THE LOSS AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MILDRED JEAN SYKES

WHEREAS, God, in his infinite wisdom, saw fit to call Mildred Jean Sykes from our midst on April 1, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, Mildred Jean Sykes was born November 12, 1933, the third child of the late DeWalt and Orene Reedy in Henderson, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, Mildred attended school at Henderson Colored Elementary and High School where she was a member of the drill team, and where she met Robert D. Sykes Sr., who was the “apple of her eye.” To their marriage were born four daughters, a son, and an adopted son; and,

WHEREAS, In 1965, Robert and Mildred launched Bob’s Grocery in Maywood, Illinois. Robert and Mildred were known for supporting countless numbers of neighborhood residents by extending a line of credit to them when they were unable to pay for groceries. They believed in instilling a good work ethic in children at an early age; and,

WHEREAS, Mildred joined The Second Baptist Church of Maywood under the leadership of the late Pastor Robert Hayden where, during her membership, she faithfully served on the Usher Board, Gospel Chorus, as a sponsor of the Young People’s Choir, as a volunteer with the Food Pantry, on the Produce Committee, and on the Kitchen Committee. The Kitchen Committee was her favorite committee; and,

WHEREAS, As the Matriarch of her family and a pillar in her community, Mildred’s greatest passion was serving others. She enjoyed serving her community through her work with The John C. Vaughn Scholarship Fund Cotillion, through her active membership with the Chamber of Commerce, and by simply driving her little blue car around town to transport her friends to the doctor, grocery store, and assist them with their errands and obligations; and,

WHEREAS, Mildred was a loving and devoted grandmother to her grandchildren;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that the sincere condolences of this body are extended to the family and friends of Mildred Jean Sykes; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is to be extended to Mildred Sykes for her service to those she loved and to her

community.