



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

**Consent Agenda**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 9:00 AM**

**Second Set**



**18-0013**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****HONORING PAMELA SMITH**

**WHEREAS**, Pam, as she prefers to be called, is committed to issues that impact her family and community and has demonstrated this commitment by volunteering with the Bleeding Disorders Alliance of Illinois (BDAI) for the past 24 years and by serving on the BDAI Board of Directors for two terms, BDAI supports families affected by inherited bleeding disorders such as Hemophilia and von Willebrand disease by providing its members with the unbiased medical information and resources that allow them to live a healthy and active lifestyle; and

**WHEREAS**, Pam, is most proud of being the mother of her 29 year old son Brandon Downey who lives and is studying in California; and

**WHEREAS**, Pam has spent thirty three years working in Cook County Government, with all of these years spent at the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office under five separate Chief Medical Examiner's including Dr. Robert J. Stein, Dr. Edmund R. Donoghue, Dr. Nancy L. Jones, Dr. Stephen J. Cina and now with Dr. Ponni Arunkumar; and

**WHEREAS**, after 33 years of employment with the County of Cook, Pam has decided to retire on December 15, 2017.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of more than 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby congratulate Pamela Smith on her retirement.



**18-1071**

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION AND IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, the AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) is the largest global AIDS organization-which now provides cutting edge medical HIV/AIDS care and advocacy services, including antiretroviral treatment, to more than 838,000 people in 39 countries, regardless of their ability to pay; and

**WHEREAS**, AHF will mark its anniversary throughout the end of 2017 with global events, including screenings of the film, ‘Keeping the Promise-AHF 30 Years.’; and

**WHEREAS**, AHF has made a commitment to bring new and needed resources to the Chicago Metropolitan area to fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, AHF has established a presence in the African American community through its affiliation with the South Side Help Center; and

**WHEREAS**, AHF has established a presence in the Latino community through its affiliation with CALOR, Comprensión y Apoyo a Latinos en Oposición al Retrovirus; and

**WHEREAS**, AHF in Chicago will hold a community reception on Thursday November 30th at Malcolm X College to observe its 30th anniversary at Malcolm X College (1900 W. Jackson Blvd., 60612) from 6 to 9 p.m.; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the work which the AIDS Healthcare Foundation has performed globally, and in Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the two affiliates in Chicago: South Side Help Center and CALOR (Comprensión y Apoyo a Latinos en Oposición al Retrovirus) through which AHF delivers on its promise; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners proclaims November 30th, 2017 as AHF Day in the County of Cook.



**18-1072**

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HONORING AL RABY HIGH SCHOOL'S VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM FOR ADVANCING TO THE STATE SEMIFINALS**

**WHEREAS,** Al Raby High School is a school known for community and environment is located on the West Side of Chicago, IL; and

**WHEREAS,** Al Raby High School has been educating Chicago students for 13 years, being founded in 2004 after Albert Raby who was a teacher at Chicago's Hess Upper Grade Center; and,

**WHEREAS,** Al Raby High School Varsity football team were pursuing to make it to their first championship game in Al Raby High School history; and

**WHEREAS,** Despite the loss Al Raby High School Varsity football team became the first West Side team to advance to the state semifinals; and

**WHEREAS,** Al Raby High School's Varsity football team ended the overall season with 12-2, conference 4-1 and state ranking as 69; and

**WHEREAS,** Coach D'angelo Dereef believes his program is headed in the right direction, and the team has brought positive coverage to the school and neighborhood.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that the Varsity football team of Al Raby High School are to be recognized and congratulated for the achievement of making it to the state semifinals.



**18-1073**

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****THE HONORABLE RICHARD R. BOYKIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER****A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO HONOR THE CHICAGOLAND TOY DRIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the Chicagoland Toy Drive begins the important task of assisting Santa by filling his bag with over 500 gifts for homeless youth, and;

**WHEREAS**, according to the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless there are over 82,212 homeless individuals in Cook County which includes over 18,117 homeless students, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Chicagoland Toy Drive was founded to fill in a gap for families who face financial hardship, which can make celebrating difficult during the holiday season, and;

**WHEREAS**, the toys collected by the Chicagoland Toy Drive will benefit homeless and low income families in the Chicago area and will be donated to A Safe Haven Foundation for Women & Children and to the Primo Homeless Center for Women and Children Shelter, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Chicagoland Toy Drive was founded by Kouri Marshall, who serves as the Chief of Staff to Cook County Commissioner Richard R. Boykin of the 1st District, and;

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 Chicagoland Toy Drive Host Committee is comprised of John Boddie, Sandi Robinson, Erica Watson, Kambium Buckner, Morgan Johnson, Jason Julien, Shante Roberts and Justin Morgan, and;

**WHEREAS**, this committee has put forth a tremendous effort in the planning of a toy drive that will be hosted at The Godfrey Hotel on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 5:00pm, and;

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 Chicagoland Toy Drive is demonstrating an exemplary commitment to Cook County through their extraordinary philanthropic efforts to serve homeless children who reside at the Primo Homeless Center and at a Safe Haven Homeless Shelter by providing them with toys this holiday season.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of



Commissioners to recognize the Chicagoland Toy Drive for their commitment to serve and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to the Chicagoland Toy Drive for their service on behalf of our homeless population.

**18-1076**

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HONORING MARK SUPPELSA ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM BROADCAST JOURNALISM**

**WHEREAS**, Mark Suppelsa was born in Milwaukee, WI, grew up in Chicago, graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee and has worked as a broadcast journalist for over 33 years, and;

**WHEREAS**, Mark has served on the reporting team at WGN-TV since July 2008 and is the co-anchor of the WGN Evening News at Five and Six and WGN News at Nine and Ten, and;

**WHEREAS**, Mark previously served as a co-anchor at Fox News at Nine and more than 10 years as the primary anchor and reporter for WMAQ-TV, and;

**WHEREAS**, Mark is a 9-time Regional Emmy winner and has been awarded the Edward R. Murrow award for reporting along with numerous Illinois Associated Press awards for reporting and anchoring, and;

**WHEREAS**, Mark's journalistic footprint was planted on the global stage when he reported from Poland in 1989, just prior to the fall of the Berlin Wall and when he covered Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's first visit to the United States and subsequently his interview with Gorbachev's successor, Boris Yeltsin, the following year, and;

**WHEREAS**, Mark covered President Ronald Reagan's state funeral, President Barack Obama's historic 2008 Inauguration and has interviewed four United States Presidents, and;

**WHEREAS**, Mark has toured one of the country's largest assault weapons manufacturer, investigated airport security policy and interviewed a cadre of highly recognized individuals from boxing promoter Don King to former presidential candidate Bob Dole, and;

**WHEREAS**, Mark has made an incredible impact as a journalist here in Cook County and internationally, and has crafted a distinguished record of leadership as a respected broadcast journalist.



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to recognize Mark Suppelsa for his impeccable reporting over the years and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Mark Suppelsa for his service to the people of Cook County and the United States.

**18-1082**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING SOUTH SUBURBAN DEFENDERS INC.**

**WHEREAS**, South Suburban Defenders Inc. attempts to mitigate the negative impacts of the lack of available community-based programming in the underserved communities of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, South Suburban Defenders provides service within the community through charity and volunteer work; and

**WHEREAS**, South Suburban Defenders supports the development of mind, body, and soul for the betterment of the community, and provides young people with a thorough foundation for future success; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization is comprised of Active Law Enforcement members and community residents working together to provide baseball instruction and mentoring opportunities to the youth in underserved neighborhoods of Chicago and Cook County suburbs for no fees; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize South Suburban Defenders for its essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to South Suburban Defenders Inc.



**18-1083**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****HONORING ENGLEWOOD RISING**

**WHEREAS**, Englewood Rising has made significant contributions to the African-American community and to the residents of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, Englewood Rising is a community-led rebranding campaign that aims to change Greater Englewood's public perception by sharing positive stories of its residents and its rich history and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, Englewood 2016 Quality-of-Life Plan honors the late Michael Paul Anderson, a popular local artist and anti-violence advocate, who first created the community's "Englewood Rising" t-shirts; and

**WHEREAS**, Englewood Rising focuses on the community's greatest assets, its own people, and showcases their resilience, commitment to local development, and dedication to meaningful initiatives impacting the neighborhood in which they live, play and work in; and

**WHEREAS**, Englewood Rising creates a strong community through its member organizations by working with neighbors, local businesses and government officials to find real solutions and drive change; and

**WHEREAS**, its member organizations are: Bright Community Services, Englewood Portal, Greater Englewood Chamber of Commerce, Greater Englewood Community Development Corporation , Grow Greater: Englewood, Imagine Englewood if..., Neighborhood Lending Services/ Neighborhood Housing Service, R.A.G.E. (Resident Association of Greater Englewood), Teamwork Englewood and Totally Positive Productions; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize Englewood Rising for its essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County; 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 Englewood Rising.



**18-1084**

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****HONORING SAMUEL LOVE**

**WHEREAS**, at the age of nine, Samuel Love started a toy drive for kids who were affected by natural disasters, poverty and sickness; and

**WHEREAS**, Samuel Love, also known as Santa Claus, delivered more than 7,300 toys last year, bringing joy to children during tough times; and

**WHEREAS**, Samuel Love provided toys to kids in Robbins, Illinois, Advocate Hope Children's Hospital and other community service centers from Englewood to South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, through the *Breaking Bread* program, Samuel Love and his family, parents and concerned citizens in their communities, are addressing the issues of food, shelter and clothing for foster kids who are under the care of the Illinois Department of Family Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Samuel Love continues to learn from the children he has helped and remains a positive force for his community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize Samuel Love for his essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County; 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 Samuel Love.