



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Consent Agenda

Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 9:00 AM

Second Set

18-2594

Sponsored by: TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**CONGRATULATING THE VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG ON BEING NAMED THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE IN ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, Money Magazine released its list of the top 100 places to live; and

WHEREAS, the list takes into account places that pair economic and educational performance with affordability, as well as convenience, safety, and a pleasant way of life; and

WHEREAS, there were 2,400 places that met the standards for the magazine's study before it was narrowed down to the top 100; and

WHEREAS, Schaumburg, Illinois was ranked at number nine overall, and number one for the state of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Schaumburg holds a firm place in Chicago's Golden Corridor which encompasses the northwest suburbs of the city that is known for being an economic and manufacturing powerhouse; and

WHEREAS, Schaumburg claims it is home to more business than any other place in Illinois, outside the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, the village is home to many impressive resources and facilities, such as the Prairie Center for the Arts, the Trickster Art Gallery, Legoland Discovery Center, and Schaumburg's district library, which is one of the largest libraries in the state, with more than 1 million visitors each year; and

WHEREAS, Schaumburg is also home to Woodfield Mall, one of the largest malls in the country with nearly 300 stores and restaurants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the Village of Schaumburg on being named the 9th best place to live in the country, and the best place to live in Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a commemorative copy of this resolution be tendered to the Village of Schaumburg.

18-2604

Sponsored by: JESÚS G. GARCÍA, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**CONGRATULATING MUJERES LATINAS EN ACCIÓN ON ITS 45TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* is a not-for-profit organization based in the Pilsen neighborhood, within the 7th District of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* was founded in 1970, when the Latino and immigrant population in Chicago began to grow substantially; and

WHEREAS, *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* has three locations, and serves approximately 8,000 community residents each year; and

WHEREAS, *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* is the Latina organization with the longest record of service in the United States; and

WHEREAS, *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* has been empowering women by providing services which reflect their values and culture and being an advocate on the issues that make a difference in their lives for over 45 years; and

WHEREAS, *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* works in collaboration with other organizations to help Latinas throughout Chicagoland make better lives for themselves and their families by continuously sharing its resources through events and workshops; and

WHEREAS, *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* has been a beacon of hope to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault by providing temporary financial relief as well as court advocacy and leadership training, academic support, and other skills women need to become self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* seeks to empower Latina women of all ages through personalized programs and services including after school programs, parent support programs, counseling, crisis intervention, court supervised visitation for non-custodial parents, and referrals to medical and financial support resources for women in need; and

WHEREAS, *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* is a passionate and knowledgeable advocate concerning issues affecting Chicago Latinas, including but not limited to immigration, access to healthcare and education, and reproductive rights; and

WHEREAS, *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* serves as an ambassador for change at the local and national level, and is committed to achieving social justice for Latinas; and

WHEREAS, *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* has remained true to its original mission of creating a safe place for Latinas to flourish, learn, and discover themselves by providing women with the tools and support needed to succeed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the staff, volunteers, and supporters of *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* on their 45th Anniversary.

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 *Mujeres Latinas en Acción* in honor of its outstanding achievements.

18-2621

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING ARAB AMERICAN FAMILY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Arab American Family Services (AAFS) is a nonprofit social service agency that provides caring, compassionate assistance to South Suburban Chicagoland residents, with special sensitivity to the cultural and linguistic needs of Arab Americans; and

WHEREAS, AAFS was established in 2001 by Itedal Shalabi and Nareman Taha, two women who witnessed the dire need for a social service agency that advocates and addresses the issues and concerns of the Arab-American community; and

WHEREAS, AAFS offers support in the areas of public benefits, ESL and civics, immigration services, domestic violence prevention and intervention, mental health, and elderly services; and

WHEREAS, AAFS also sponsors outreach programs to build healthier families and communities as well as cultivate respect and understanding of Arab-American culture; and

WHEREAS, AAFS is making a profound and positive impact in their community by actively seeking to confront the myths and taboos that have kept some Arab Americans from obtaining the assistance they need and by helping local neighbors overcome personal crises, strengthen their families, and live healthier, more successful lives; and

WHEREAS, AAFS will hold the *Spirit of Empowerment Black Tie Fundraising Gala* on Saturday, March 24, 2018 to celebrate Arab Americans both locally and nationally and their social, economic, cultural, and political achievements to society as well as their steadfast willingness to make a difference; 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 the importance of Arab American Family Services and their 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 Arab American Family Services.

18-2623

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS METRO-SUBURBAN

WHEREAS, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Metro-Suburban is a community mental health and social service organization dedicated to building better lives for those affected by mental illness; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Metro-Suburban improves the lives of individuals, families and communities affected by mental illness by providing education, support and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Metro-Suburban partners with 17 local schools to educate students on the signs and symptoms of mental illness, the importance of early detection and treatment, and how to help themselves or a friend in need; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Metro-Suburban believes that by using a young person's testimony in the classroom, it can greatly reduce the stigma associated with mental illness within this generation; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Metro-Suburban operates the oldest free standing Drop-in Center in The State of Illinois, by providing socialization, life skills and job readiness and placement opportunities; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Metro-Suburban partners with five local hospitals including The Hines VA, to provide recovery support and education services making recovery a possibility for psychiatric patients; and,

WHEREAS, NAMI Metro-Suburban currently serves Oak Park, River Forest, Cicero, Berwyn, Lyons and Proviso Township; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Metro-Suburban continues to expand its reach into the western suburbs by providing alternatives to emergency room visits through a Living Room in LaGrange, with a second Living Room location opening in Broadview, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Metro-Suburban provides all services, including its family education and family support groups, free of charge; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes the importance of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Metro-Suburban and its essential contribution to the education 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 NAMI Metro-Suburban.

18-2624

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING PILLARS COMMUNITY HEALTH

WHEREAS, Pillars Community Health is a health and social services organization dating back to 1921; and

WHEREAS, Pillars Community Health serves more than 10,000 residents across 35 communities in the Western and Southwestern suburbs of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Pillars Community Health is committed to eliminating barriers to care, such as language, income or stigma; and

WHEREAS, Pillars Community Health is one of only a few nonprofits in the state of Illinois to integrate primary medical and dental care with mental health, early education and social services; and

WHEREAS, Pillars Community Health provides more than 35 programs to the community including Medical, Dental, Mental Health and Addictions, Domestic and Sexual Violence, Early Head Start, Child Care, Prevention/Health Education and Outreach, and Benefits Assistance; and

WHEREAS, Pillars Community Health offers comprehensive services through 10 locations and also provides many services in community settings such as homes, schools, police stations, courthouses and emergency rooms; and

WHEREAS, Pillars Community Health encourages community residents to volunteer in a variety of roles and invest in the community through contributions and events like the Annual Pillars Ball, which raised \$250,000 in 2017; and

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

Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes the importance of Pillars Community Health and 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 Pillars Community Health.

18-2625

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE DUSABLE HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, The DuSable Heritage Association, created in 2002, is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the legacy of Haitian founder of Chicago, Jean-Baptiste Pointe DuSable, through educational and cultural activities; and

WHEREAS, this year, 2018, marks the 200th year memorial of the death of Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable; and

WHEREAS, The DuSable Heritage Association will present yearlong cultural and educational activities honoring the many great contributions that Haitian and Americans of African origins have brought to Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The DuSable Heritage Association acknowledges March 4 is the anniversary of the incorporation of Chicago founded by Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable; and

WHEREAS, members, leaders and supporters of the Haitian community convened on March 3, 2018 to celebrate the aspiration of “DuSable Park: On the Horizon 2020”, the development of the City of Chicago Park District’s DuSable Park; and

WHEREAS, The DuSable Heritage Association also honored Haitian American institutions who empower, educate and provide needed services in many communities across the greater Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes the importance of The DuSable Heritage Association and its essential contribution to the education 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 The DuSable Heritage Association.

18-2633

Sponsored by: SEAN M. MORRISON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING CONRADY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ON RECEIVING THE 2017 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARD**

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners are proud to recognize excellence in local school districts; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of local school districts in educating, developing and preparing youth for adulthood; and

WHEREAS, the North Palos School District 117 and Conrady Junior High School continue to demonstrate excellence in education by receiving the coveted 2017 National Blue Ribbon Award in the category of Exemplary High-Performing schools; and

WHEREAS, Conrady Junior High School was the only junior high school in the South Cook Region to win the coveted award and one of only nine Title I schools in the country to be named a National Blue Ribbon winner; and

WHEREAS, the National Blue Ribbon Award is the highest honor a school can receive, as only 342 schools received this award in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the National Blue Ribbons Schools Program noted that great results are not always from a cutting-edge idea or innovative programming but rather from a combination of passion, care and focus on what is important, and that Conrady is the epitome of these qualities; and

WHEREAS, an achievement of this magnitude requires excellence and dedication at all levels, from the students, parents, staff, community, board of education and the administration; and

WHEREAS, this dedication towards excellence is reflected in the Conrady Junior High School motto, "Be the Best for the World"; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate the students, faculty and administrators at Conrady Junior High School on their achievement of excellence in education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy be tendered to Conrady Junior High School in recognition of their 2017 National Blue Ribbon School Award.

18-2636

Sponsored by: TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**HONORING MAYOR AL LARSON**

WHEREAS, Mayor Al Larson was elected Mayor of Schaumburg in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Larson has served in his role as mayor for 30 years as of his current term; and

WHEREAS, prior to his election Mayor Larson was very active in his community in a number of different capacities such as; Pace Board Director, CMAP Board Member, NWMC President, IML President, Steering Committee for Transportation of the National League of Cities, Meet Chicago Northwest Convention Bureau Board member, Arts Alliance Illinois Board member, Council of Mayors representing northwest Cook County, and Joint Action Water Agency Chair; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Larson has additionally served in a number of elected offices as well, as the Public Relations Director for Schaumburg, Member of Zoning Board of Appeals, Chair of the Environmental Committee, and 12 years as a Village Trustee; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure he has contributed to a series of beautifications, acquisitions and infusions of culture and fine arts that Schaumburg has branded as a progressive community steeped in commerce, culture and family values; and

WHEREAS, these improvements include; the establishment of Olde Schaumburg Centre, the development of a 85 mile bikeway, the development of the Spring Valley Nature Sanctuary, a 135 acre nature center, and the design and designation of Schaumburg's Regional Center and Schaumburg Road's Corridor Plan; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Larson has led a life devoted to serving the residents of the Village of Schaumburg and the people of Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Commissioners that Mayor Al Larson is honored for his milestone of 30 years as Mayor of the Village of Schaumburg.