



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Consent Agenda

Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 9:00 AM

Consent Calendar Meeting - Second Set

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Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION**COOK COUNTY VETERANS DAY RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally proclaimed holiday on November 11, 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson to honor the end of World War I; and

WHEREAS, November 11, subsequently declared a legal holiday in 1938, was “dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day”. In 1954, at the urging of veterans organizations, the 1938 Act was amended by replacing Armistice Day with Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary War to the present day, the contributions made to the United States of America by her citizen soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who stand in our place to defend the freedoms we enjoy cannot be calculated; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cook has the largest veteran population in this state with 224,000 veterans; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cook has always honored the immeasurable wartime and peacetime contributions and sacrifice of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Americans still give thanks to veterans for their service on Veterans Day with ceremonies and speeches and at 11 a.m. many Americans observe a moment of silence in remembrance of those who fought and for those who gave their lives to preserve the freedom we now enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of our citizens who have answered the call to duty to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, in defense of our democratic principles, gives this great Nation continued strength and vitality; and

WHEREAS, even today, members of the military are stationed throughout the world, while their families remain in our communities; and

WHEREAS, families praying for the safe return of loved ones experience everyday life in a very different way than others, as their everyday thoughts and feelings never stray far from those they honor and are proud of for serving this great nation; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of our citizens who have answered the call to duty to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, in defense of our democratic principles; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is a day set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military for their service - in wartime or peacetime; and

WHEREAS, the commemoration of this day is a matter of historic and patriotic significance to all American citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize November 11, 2018 as Veterans Day and ask that on this day of honor all citizens express their gratitude to our veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with respect and gratitude, we salute all of our veterans, remembering “all gave some and some gave all” and devote special attention to those veterans who are sick and disabled, and show them through our actions that we remember and honor them.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING WYNONA REDMOND FOR RECEIVING THE 2018 PATRICIA L. TOBIN MEDIA PROFESSIONAL AWARD

WHEREAS, every year the National Association of Black Journalists recognizes one outstanding public relations, advertising, marketing professional, or media owner who serves as an industry trailblazer in affecting the positive representation of African Americans in the media with the Patricia L. Tobin Professional Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award is named after Patricia L. Tobin, a publicist, media entrepreneur and co-founder of the National Black Public Relations Society; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Patricia L. Tobin Professional Award was awarded to Wynona Redmond at the 43rd National Association of Black Journalist Convention and Career Fair in Detroit, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Wynona Redmond is President and Founder of Wyn-Win Communications, a boutique communications company based in Chicago, dedicated to helping organizations effectively engage the community, customers and other key audiences; and

WHEREAS, throughout her 27-year history as a public relations professional, Wynona Redmond has successfully led public affairs and community engagement responsibility in both the public and private sector, including Northstar Lottery Group, Dominick's Finer Foods, Illinois Department of Children &

Family Services, the Chicago Housing Authority and Cook County Health and Hospitals System ; and

WHEREAS, Wynona Redmond is President Emeritus of the National Black Public Relations Society and former President of the Black Public Relations Society of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Wynona Redmond has generously given her time and talent to mentor students and young professionals in addition to donating professional council to numerous nonprofits and community causes; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is a testament to Wynona Redmond's extraordinary leadership as President Emeritus of the National Black Public Affairs Society and her dedication to excellence in public relations and the communications industry; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby congratulate Wynona Redmond on the occasion of receiving the 2018 National Association of Black Journalists' Patricia L. Tobin Media Professional award and applaud her dedicated service; 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 Wynona Redmond to recognize their remarkable achievements and dedication to the region.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING NATIONAL MUSEUM OF GOSPEL MUSIC AND DON JACKSON

WHEREAS, the National Museum of Gospel Music is the nation's first museum dedicated to celebrating the impact of the Gospel music industry; and

WHEREAS, the National Museum of Gospel Music will be constructed at the former site of the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Chicago's Bronzeville community, the church of its late long-time music director Dr. Thomas Dorsey, who is recognized as the father of Gospel music; and

WHEREAS, through the National Museum of Gospel Music, the lives and legacy of Gospel music will be preserved and accessible to the public via a state-of-the art facility; and

WHEREAS, Don Jackson is the Founder and Chairman of the National Museum of Gospel Music, and

WHEREAS, Don Jackson is the Chief Executive Officer of Central City Productions, Inc., a national television production, sales, and syndication company based in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Don Jackson is the founder of the Steller Gospel Music Awards, the first and oldest television awards show honoring Gospel Music Artist for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Don Jackson is recognized as a civic leader for his community involvement as the former Board Chairman of the DuSable Museum of African American History and has served on the boards of the Chicago Transit Authority, Columbia College, the Gateway Foundation, Junior Achievement of Chicago, and Northwestern University; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor the National Museum of Gospel Music and founder Don Jackson and praise their essential contribution to the cultural viability of Cook County.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING GENE CHANDLER, THE DUKE OF EARL

WHEREAS, from 1962 to 1970, Gene Chandler, formerly Eugene Dixon, had 19 songs in the top forty line-ups; and

WHEREAS, Gene Chandler will always be known all over the world as the Duke of Earl, which was the first hit that topped the pop and R&B charts and launched his career in 1962; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, Gene Chandler became a member of the Du-Kays, a rhythm and blues group with a strong rock and roll sound; and

WHEREAS, after a stint in the Army and singing solo in the Army he returned to Chicago in 1960 and rejoined the Du-Kays; and

WHEREAS, Bernice Williams, a young music business manager, heard the group perform and quickly agreed to manage the young group; and

WHEREAS, Bernice Williams arranged an audition with Nat Records in Chicago and the Du- Kays were offered a recording contract; and

WHEREAS, Gene Chandler turned his attention to the business side of the industry, and decided to put his energy into producing, arranging and assisting other acts; and

WHEREAS, Gene Chandler became president of Bamboo Records, and one of Gene's biggest hit at Bamboo was "Backfield in Motion" in 1969, which sold a million copies; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Gene Chandler signed with Mercury Records and recorded "Groovy Situation," and was nominated for "Producer of The Year" Award for the National Association of Television and Radio Announcers; and

WHEREAS, Gene Chandler is also a Grammy Hall of Fame inductee and winner of the Rhythm and Blue's Foundations Pioneer Award; and

WHEREAS, today, Gene Chandler lives in the southland area of Cook County and is the founder of Project Happiness, an small non-profit with the mission to provide children, their families and the elderly food, clothes and toys during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Gene Chandler, the Duke of Earl, and praise his essential contribution to the health and cultural viability of Cook County.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE BARBARA BATES FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, a self-taught fashion designer, Barbara Bates was born and raised in Chicago and has dressed some of the worlds' most famous fashionistas, entertainers, celebrity clients, community leaders and influential figures; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Bates also creates fashionable styles for the everyday man and woman; and

WHEREAS, a teen mother herself, Barbara Bates created the Barbara Bates Foundation in 1999 with a purpose to provide prom attire to economically disadvantaged High School Seniors, especially those at alternative schools and teen moms; and

WHEREAS, to date, more than 500 custom dresses and 200 suits have been gifted to high school students; and

WHEREAS, after a breast cancer diagnosis in 2009, Barbara Bates used her fashion talent to host a fashion show in which all fifty models were breast cancer survivors, raising \$50,000 for Mount Sinai Health Systems; and

WHEREAS, the Barbara Bates Designs studio and showroom is located in Chicago's South Loop; and

WHEREAS, through the fashion show of survivors and the annual 5k walk in Douglas Park, the Barbara

Bates Foundation raised \$500,000 within a four-year period for a breast imaging center; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor the Barbara Bates Foundation and praise its essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK 2018

WHEREAS, National Newspaper Week 2018 is from October 7th to the 13th; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for National Newspaper Week is "Journalism matters now more than ever;" and

WHEREAS, this 78th annual National Newspaper Week is a recognition of the service of newspapers and their employees across North America, and is sponsored by Newspaper Association Managers; and

WHEREAS, newspapers are a primary source of contemporary history; and

WHEREAS, a free and unfettered press is guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, a free press has been under attack at the highest levels of national government, including calling the press an "enemy of the people;" and

WHEREAS, Cook County residents can celebrate National Newspaper Week by understanding and supporting the role newspapers play in our communities and, importantly, in our democracy; and

WHEREAS, local media can celebrate National Newspaper Week by emphasizing its unique relevance in the coverage of government, community events and publication of timely public notices; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, celebrate National Newspaper Week 2018 and praise the essential contribution of newspapers to the health and viability of Cook County.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE CHICAGO CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK JOURNALISTS ON RECEIVING THE 2018 PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

WHEREAS, the National Association of Black Journalists is an organization of journalists, students and media-related professionals that provide quality programs and services to and advocates on behalf of black journalists worldwide; and

WHEREAS, every year, the National Association of Black Journalists recognizes one outstanding professional affiliate chapter with the Professional Chapter of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award is given to the Professional Chapter which has demonstrated exceptional programs and activities in their community; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Professional Chapter of the Year was awarded to the Chicago Chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists at the 43rd National Association of Black Journalist Convention and Career Fair in Detroit, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 43-year history in Chicago, the Chicago Chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists has convened Chicago-area African-American journalists dedicated to truth and excellence in newsgathering and reporting, and equality in the media industry; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Chapter has partnered with local organizations, such as the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, to host job fairs for diverse candidates seeking careers in media and co-sponsored with CBS2 Chicago a political candidates' forum; and

WHEREAS, this achievement is a testament to the Chicago Chapter's extraordinary leadership and dedication to excellence in news reporting, equality in the media industry, fair representation of our regional diversity and leadership in our communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby congratulate the Chicago Chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists on the occasion of receiving the 2018 National Association of Black Journalists Professional Affiliate Chapter of the Year Award; 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 Chicago Chapter of the National Association of

Black Journalists to recognize their remarkable achievements and dedication to the region.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING UNIVERSOUL CIRCUS ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

WHEREAS, UniverSoul Circus is the creative vision of Cedric Walker, an African-American with a vision to create a circus where people of color with incredible talents would be able to perform; and

WHEREAS, UniverSoul Circus' first performance took place in 1994 in the parking lot of Atlanta Fulton County Stadium, and grew by 1997 to a circus tour of 10 cities; and

WHEREAS, UniverSoul Circus toured 32 cities in 2005 and completed its first international destination with a tour in South Africa in 2001; and

WHEREAS, UniverSoul Circus has had a positive impact in Chicago through creating a multi-generational show that brings people of various backgrounds, cultures and ethnicities together; and

WHEREAS, UniverSoul Circus proudly celebrates 25 high-flying years as a top-ranked venue for music, laughter and unrivalled performance artistry; and

WHEREAS, UniverSoul Circus has forever transformed the world's urban entertainment landscape and features a multicultural conglomeration of performers from virtually every corner of the globe, including South Africa, United States of America, Trinidad and Tobago, Chile, Cuba, Colombia, Mexico, Russia, Guinea, Gabon and Mongolia; and

WHEREAS, in the words of Cedric Walker, Founder and CEO of UniverSoul Circus: "Generations have witnessed our growth and have evolved with us. We want our fans to know they will always be a part of the UniverSoul Circus family. Consider us a community-minded, family-oriented, spiritually-uplifting entertainment revival for families across America;" and

WHEREAS, the Circus Ring of Fame Foundation, Inc., selected Cedric Walker for the 2018 enshrinement into its prestigious Circus Ring of Fame in recognition of his "outstanding contributions to circus arts and culture;" and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor UniverSoul Circus and praise its essential contribution to the cultural viability of Cook County.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**HONORING DR. HAKI R. MADHUBUTI ON THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF
THIRD WORLD PRESS**

WHEREAS, in 1967, Dr. Haki R. Madhubuti, formerly known as Don L. Lee, founded Third World Press, an independent publisher focused on African-American thought and literature; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haki R. Madhubuti has lived his life as an act of defiance through his poetry, which echoes his horn-playing music and fierce activism; and

WHEREAS, as stated in a recent Chicago Reader article, Dr. Haki R. Madhubuti has been “one of the great voices of Black poetry to emerge in the 20th century and one of the most significant advocates and theorists of Black self-determination since Malcolm X.,” and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haki R. Madhubuti’s art urges men, women and children in impoverished, segregated neighborhoods who have been left behind by society to create African-American institutions to serve and nourish African-American communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haki R. Madhubuti kept his mother, a woman who had suffered addiction and suffered a brutal death, in his heart and in his art work; and

WHEREAS, this experience and many other challenges were channeled through Dr. Haki R. Madhubuti’s poetry; and

WHEREAS, his activism emerged in West Englewood and Chatham in Chicago and spread throughout the world through artists like Ta-Nehisi Coates and rappers and musicians from Nicole Mitchell to the latest kid whose poetry echoes the need for strong and radical change; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haki R. Madhubuti’s poetry and his activism continue to this day through his work in Betty Shabazz schools, Englewood schools and his power as it spreads throughout the world; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Dr. Haki R. Madhubuti on the fifty-first anniversary of Third World Press and praise his essential contribution to the cultural viability of Cook County.

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Sponsored by: LUIS ARROYO JR, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, the Filipino American National Historical Society established Filipino American History Month (FAHM) in 1988, choosing October to commemorate the arrival of the first Filipinos who landed in what is now Morro Bay, California on October 18, 1587; and

WHEREAS, with each new wave of immigrants the Filipino American community continues to grow and includes professional athletes, Olympic champions, stars of stage and screen, labor organizers, filmmakers, and entrepreneurs as well as members of the medical and engineering professions; and

WHEREAS, starting in 2011, the Philippine American Cultural Foundation (PACF) has organized a variety of events to celebrate FAHM every October and to promote the various events in celebration of FAHM; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans are now the second most populous Asian group in the United States; and

WHEREAS, generations of Filipino Americans have lent their unique voices to the vibrant diversity of origins, cultures, and communities that make America what it is. Their legacy speaks to the extraordinary spirit of common purpose - of unity forged through the ideals that bind us together as people - that has always been central to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans served their Country faithfully in the wars of the 20th century, and continue to protect America as servicemen and servicewomen around the world; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government and the offices under the President employ the largest percentage of Asian Americans of any government in Illinois, with Filipino-Americans comprising a substantial portion of those employees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize October as Filipino American History Month and wish to celebrate the extraordinary ways Filipino Americans have contributed to our 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 Philippine American Cultural Foundation and the Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago in recognition of their unwavering dedication to promote and celebrate Filipino American History Month.

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Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT, COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ILLINOIS STATE POLICE, CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS AND COOK COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR PREPARATION AND HARD WORK KEEPING CHICAGOANS SAFE FOLLOWING THE JASON VAN DYKE VERDICT

WHEREAS, the murder trial of former Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke took place over several weeks in the fall of 2018, and

WHEREAS, the trial was one of the most-watched in recent history, and

WHEREAS, leading up to the verdict, there were fears among Cook County residents that there could be violent reactions to the jury's decision, and

WHEREAS, there was remarkable coordination between the Cook County Sheriff's Office, the Chicago Police and Fire Departments, the Illinois State Police, OEMC and Homeland Security, and

WHEREAS, the first responders were on call for several days and had time off cancelled so they could be present to keep citizens safe, and

WHEREAS, during the trial, the Sheriff's office worked to keep the Leighton Criminal Courthouse functioning normally, even with one of the highest profile trials in recent memory going on, and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Police Department spread resources across the city to make sure all Chicagoans would be safe, including the individuals who rallied in the Loop and at the courthouse following the verdict, and

WHEREAS, the State Police stepped in to make sure the Sheriff's Office and Chicago Police had assistance if it was needed, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Chicago Fire Department prepared to be on call 24 hours a day in case

they were needed, and

WHEREAS, the cooperation exhibited by each of these agencies should serve as a model for any serious incidents going forward, and

WHEREAS, this type of collaboration is a further example of ways law enforcement can rebuild the relationship and establish trust with the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that the men and women of the Chicago Police and Fire Departments, the Illinois State Police, the Cook County Sheriff's Office, the Office of Emergency Management and Communications and Cook County's Department of Homeland Security are commended and thanked for their dedication to keeping all of Chicago and Cook County safe following the Jason Van Dyke verdict.

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Sponsored by: RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING CONNIE'S PIZZA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 55TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Connie's Pizza has been a Chicago beacon for 55 years, and

WHEREAS, the restaurant was founded by Connie and Raymond DeGrazia on 26th Street in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, in 1963, Jim Stolfe traded in his prized 1962 Oldsmobile Starfire for the small storefront pizzeria, and

WHEREAS, once Jim took over the restaurant he preserved both the name Connie's and the recipe that continued to grow in popularity, and

WHEREAS, for the next five-plus decades, that drive and foresight has kept Connie's at the forefront of the Chicago Pizza scene, and

WHEREAS, Jim's ingenuity led to new ideas in the pizza world, including drive-thru pizza pickup and heated delivery trucks that made sure the pies were still piping hot when they reached the hungry customers' homes, and

WHEREAS, Jim has since passed the business onto his son, Michael in 2003, and

WHEREAS, Michael continues to bring ingenuity to the pizza world, by perfecting a crust that allowed for the introduction of partially baked pizzas to Connie's inventory, allowing customers the restaurant experience in their own homes, and

WHEREAS, Michael employs more than 200 employees of diverse race, age, and backgrounds, and

WHEREAS, Connie's has grown to become a permanent Chicago institution and has grown to include concessions at special events, and

WHEREAS, Connie's has expanded in larger catering events such as weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and corporate events, and

WHEREAS, Connie's makes sure to give back to the community, celebrating its 55th anniversary by donating and working with Chance the Rapper and his non-profit SocialWorks.

BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Connie's Pizza, the Stolfe family, and the many employees who keep Chicago well-fed are honored on the occasion of the restaurant's 55th Anniversary.

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Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

DR. PAUL E. LAWLER JR, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Dr. Paul E. Lawler Jr. from our midst, and

WHEREAS Dr. Paul E. Lawler Jr was the loving husband of the late Virginia (nee Furey), and

WHEREAS Dr. Paul E. Lawler Jr was the dear father of Rosemary (Tom) Cavanagh, Virginia (Dr. Pat) Russell, Paul (Deborah), Peter (Sue), Warren (Cathy), Dr. Charles (Shelly), Hon. Christopher (Julie), and

WHEREAS Dr. Paul E. Lawler Jr was the proud Papa of Emily, Christin Clare (Chad) Mozden, Thomas (Amanda), Michael, Kyle (Cassie) Russell, Payton Russell, Chloe, James, Bridget, Caitlin, Jennifer (Mike) Cummings, Matthew (Kim), Meghan (Colin) Sullivan, Claire, Daniel, Charles, Kathleen, Will, Jack, Brendan and Kevin, and

WHEREAS Dr. Paul E. Lawler Jr was the Great Grandpa of eight loving great grand kids, and

WHEREAS Dr. Paul E. Lawler Jr was the dear brother of Bob (Sue), the late Madeline (the late Gene), the late Bill (the late Helen), the late Jack (the late Ann) and

WHEREAS Dr. Paul E. Lawler Jr was the loving friend and companion to Adele O'Donnell, and

WHEREAS Dr. Paul E. Lawler Jr was a long time member of the Beverly and Long Beach Country Clubs, and

WHEREAS Dr. Paul E. Lawler Jr was a Veteran of the US Navy, and

WHEREAS Dr. Paul E. Lawler Jr was dually trained in Obstetrics and Psychiatry and a staff physician at Little Company of Mary Hospital for over 35 years, and

WHEREAS all who knew him will attest that Dr. Paul E. Lawler Jr 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, 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 Dr. Paul E. Lawler Jr, 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 Dr. Paul E. Lawler Jr, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

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Sponsored by: BRIDGET GAINER, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LINCOLN PARK ZOO

WHEREAS, The Lincoln Park Zoo was established in 1868 with the gift of a two pairs of swans from New York City's Central Park; and

WHEREAS, Starting in 1888 Cyrus DeVry supervised the construction of new structures to house many new animal species, including monkeys and elephants; and

WHEREAS, The first three decades of the 20th Century saw construction of Café Brauer, Bird House, Lion House and Primate House, all landmark structures that grace the grounds of the zoo today; and

WHEREAS, Marlin Perkins became Zoo Director in 1945, bringing the animals and their individual stories into homes through NBC's *Zoo Parade*; and

WHEREAS, The year 1959 saw the foundation of The Lincoln Park Zoological Society by philanthropists and civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lester Fisher became Zoo Director in 1962, beginning a 30-year tenure that oversaw the society raise over \$400 million for new exhibits and improved animal care; and

WHEREAS, In 1976 the most advanced habitat for great apes opened, which was later named for Dr. Fisher. Kevin J. Bell was also hired in 1976 as Curator of Birds at Lincoln Park Zoo; and

WHEREAS, With just two staff members the Conservation and Science department launched in 1989, forming the foundation of one of the nation's largest and most effective wildlife conservation and science programs; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Kevin J. Bell was promoted to Assistant Director; and in 1993, was appointed Director at Lincoln Park Zoo; and

WHEREAS, The year 1995 saw the Lincoln Park Zoo and Chicago Park District enter a 30-year agreement shifting the zoo to self-governance, the same year saw the Zoo Society's Board of Trustee's adopting full-time management of zoo operations; and

WHEREAS, After the zoo was privatized in 1995, Kevin J. Bell was also named President and CEO of the Lincoln Park Zoological Society, which manages and operates Lincoln Park Zoo; and

WHEREAS, 1995 launched the five-year "Heart of the Zoo" campaign, raising over \$50 million for new and renovated animal habitats including the Regenstein Small Mammal-Reptile House; and

WHEREAS, The Davee Center for Epidemiology was created in 2001 to bridge the gap between population biology and veterinary medicine through the study of epidemiology, and was expanded in 2005 to incorporate endocrinology research, making it the Davee Center for Epidemiology and Endocrinology; and

WHEREAS, the first decade of the 21st century saw the opening of three major new exhibits in the Regenstein Center for African Apes, the Regenstein African Journey and the renovated Pritzker Family Children's Zoo; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the Urban Wildlife Institute was founded, becoming the most comprehensive urban wildlife conservation and science program in the country and one that has been adopted by over ten cities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, The year 2011 saw the Zoo enter into a partnership with the City of Chicago and the Chicago Park District to unveil the Nature Boardwalk, a complete refurbishment and restoration of The South Pond; and

WHEREAS, 2016 saw the announcement of the \$125 million "The Pride of Chicago" campaign which has already resulted in the opening of the Regenstein Macaque Forest, the Walter Family Arctic Tundra and the Robert & Mayari Pritzker Penguin Cove; and

WHEREAS, In 2017 the Zoo unveiled plans for its new visitor center to better serve guests as the Zoo welcomes the 3.7 million annual visitors; and

WHEREAS, In 2018 the Zoo announced one of the most ambitious capital projects in their 150 year-history as they conduct a complete overhaul of the Kovler Lion House; and

WHEREAS, The Lincoln Park Zoo remains the nation's only privately managed free admission zoo in the United States of America; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby acknowledge and appreciate the importance of the Lincoln Park Zoo on the cultural fabric of our City and County, and congratulate the Lincoln Park Zoo on their 150th anniversary.

[18-6447](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING ELK GROVE VILLAGE FIRE CHIEF RICHARD MIKEL

WHEREAS, Elk Grove Village Fire Department Richard J. Mikel was named Illinois Fire Chief of the year; and

WHEREAS, Chief Mikel has been involved in the fire service for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, Chief Mikel has risen through the ranks as a firefighter, paramedic, and Deputy Fire Chief of Operations with Downers Grove and the Naperville Fire Departments; and

WHEREAS, Chief Mikel came to Elk Grove Village in 2012 as Fire Chief and has strengthened the Fire Department with his desire, devotion, leadership and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Chief Mikel is highly active in outreach to residents, businesses, schools and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Chief Mikel oversees a department of 94 full-time employees and 4 fire stations that provide protection for 33,000 residents and over 3,600 businesses; and

WHEREAS, Chief Mikel is currently overseeing the construction of two new fire stations with the most current technology in Elk Grove Village; and

WHEREAS, Chief Mikel is highly valued for his service, he believes in continuous improvement in providing for the health and safety of everyone in his community; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby commend Elk Grove Village Fire Chief Richard Mikel for being named Illinois Fire Chief of the year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable body and that a copy tendered over to Elk Grove Village Fire Department and Chief Richard Mikel.

[18-6448](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL MANUFACTURING MONTH AND COMMENDING SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS FOR THEIR INITIATIVES IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, there are nearly 185,000 employees working in manufacturing throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, 12,300 of these employees working in manufacturing in Schaumburg, Illinois many of them recognized by the Schaumburg Business Association; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing represents 17% of Schaumburg's total employment; and

WHEREAS, manufacturing represents nearly 10% of Cook County's employment; and

WHEREAS, fabricated metals and food processing employment is 20% more concentrated in Cook County compared to the national average; and

WHEREAS, 5,778 manufacturing firms are in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Schaumburg Illinois has 231 manufacturing firms which makes up for 7% of Schaumburg's entire tax base; and

WHEREAS, 3,700 metal manufacturing firms are in Cook County which generate nearly \$30 billion dollars in revenue; and

WHEREAS, through its growth in metal manufacturing, Schaumburg Illinois is the third largest manufacturing sector.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby commend the Schaumburg Business Association, and recognize October as manufacturing month in Schaumburg, Cook County and 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 a copy tendered over to the Illinois Manufacturers Association.

[18-6449](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING ELGIN SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46 AND DIRECTOR ELENA HILDRETH FOR THEIR WELLNESS POLICY

WHEREAS, school district U-46 has a wellness policy and committee which is under the direction of Elena Hildreth, Director of Food and Nutrition Services; and

WHEREAS, U-46 and Director Hildreth houses a new commissary in Elgin, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, this new facility is twice the size of their former warehouse; and

WHEREAS, this new Commissary has 12 workers on the front lines assembling roughly 8000 breakfasts and 13,000 lunches for students at 41 elementary schools, a few preschool programs; and

WHEREAS, a team of more than 200 food service employee's, drivers, custodians and lunchroom supervisors feed students at the state of Illinois' second largest school district; and

WHEREAS, while Director Hildreth orchestrates this program, she feels that with the additional storage, this new commissary can do much more such as putting out more seasonal fruits and vegetables for the children; and

WHEREAS, Director Hildreth believes this is only the beginning, continuous improvement is the goal for school district U-46.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby commend School District U-46 and Director Elena Hildreth for their dedication to food and nutrition services to the children of School District U-46; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable body, and that a copy tendered over to Illinois School District U-46 and Director Elena Hildreth.

[18-6423](#)

Sponsored by: DEBORAH SIMS, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2018, an estimated 266,120 new cases of invasive breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 63,960 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, about 2,550 new cases of invasive breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed in men in 2018. 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, one theory is that this decrease was partially due to the reduced use of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) by woman after the results of a large study called the Women's Health Initiative were published in 2002. These results suggested a connection between HRT and increased breast cancer risk; and

WHEREAS, about 40,920 women in the United States were expected to die in 2018 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 2018, there are more the 3.1 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 5.2 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.

[18-6401](#)

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE EXCEPTIONAL LIFE AND MANY TRAILBLAZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF EVANSTON MAYOR LORRAINE HAIRSTON MORTON

WHEREAS, Lorraine Hairston Morton, dedicated community advocate, lifelong educator, groundbreaking teacher and principal and much beloved mayor of the City of Evanston died at the age of 99 leaving behind a devoted family, countless friends and a community profoundly enriched for having known her; and

WHEREAS, Lorraine H. Morton was the beloved mayor of Evanston, who served from 1993 to 2009, she was also the city's first African-American mayor, she was the city's first Democratic mayor and was the longest-serving mayor; and

WHEREAS, Lorraine H. Morton was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the youngest child of Keziah Hairston, a schoolteacher, and William Patrick Hairston, a prosperous businessman who helped found the Winston Mutual Life Insurance Company, which is still operated as the Golden Gate Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, Lorraine H. Morton received a bachelor degree in education from Winston-Salem State University and a master's degree in education from Northwestern University. She met her husband, Dr. James T. Morton, Jr., as a graduate student at Northwestern University. After she was married, she and her husband moved to Tuskegee, Alabama, where he worked with the Tuskegee Airmen; and

WHEREAS, she moved back to Evanston in 1953, when her husband began working as a clinical psychologist with the Veteran's Administration and at Evanston Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Lorraine H. Morton will long be remembered for spearheading the desegregation of Evanston's public schools as a teacher and school principal. She was one of the first teachers to break the color barrier at Nichols Middle School, at a time when Evanston was integrated statistically, but not geographically. She championed desegregation efforts and demanded equity in all Evanston's schools. She was the first African-American principal at Haven Middle School. Under her watch, Haven was a pioneering school for educational enrichment. As principal, the school thrived and she developed a national reputation for her wisdom and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Lorraine H. Morton was appointed and then elected Alderman of the Fifth Ward, a position she held for nearly a decade. As a member of the Evanston City Council, she tirelessly served on countless committees and was later elected Evanston's Mayor; and

WHEREAS, one of her chief goals as a Northwestern alum was to improve the town-gown relationship between Northwestern University and the greater population of Evanston. She worked very hard and successfully forged a close friendship with Northwestern University president Henry Bienen; and

WHEREAS, Lorraine H. Morton's time as mayor ushered in a new era for Evanston, one that improved the community immeasurably. She was the model of respect and principled leadership and the community became a more welcoming and inclusive place because of the example she set. On the night she was elected she noted: "First of all, I think my victory shows that this town will support a person without regard to race or sex..."My immediate response will be to set a tone that will bring people together." She did; and

WHEREAS, Lorraine H. Morton, as Mayor, viewed Evanston as a classroom and she was the town's Principal; and

WHEREAS, Lorraine H. Morton was regularly singled out for recognition by institutions of higher learning and had scholarships named in her honor. Winston-Salem State University created the Lorraine Hairston Morton Endowed Scholarship in 2010 for students majoring in education who are committed to community service and Northwestern University provides a scholarship in her name for the Master of Science in Education Program in the School of Education and Social Policy; and

WHEREAS, Lorraine H. Morton received countless community awards and recognitions. Northwestern presented her with an Alumni Merit Award and bestowed an honorary doctorate upon her. She also held an honorary doctorate for public service from Kendall College. In addition, she held the position of Vice President of the Evanston Historical Society and received community service awards from Saint Francis Hospital of Evanston and the Evanston Arts Council; and

WHEREAS, through her long life Evanston treasured Lorraine H. Morton and she was often publicly thanked for her many contributions. One of her more visible recognitions and one of the most lasting took place in 2009 when Evanston's civic center was renamed for her when she retired; it is now known as the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center; and

WHEREAS, in June of this year, more than a hundred people gathered with Lorraine H. Morton at the

Northwestern University Segal Visitors Center to celebrate the premier of the film documentary “Lorraine H. Morton: A Life Worthwhile.” The film takes its title from one of Morton’s last quotes in the movie, advice from her father, who helped guide her in life and one which she exemplified: “Only a life of service is a life worthwhile.”; and

WHEREAS, Evanston has lost a great friend and champion in Lorraine H. Morton and her loss will be felt deeply. She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Morton Brasher, and two granddaughters, Elizabeth Keziah Brasher and Constance Moriah Brasher; 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 of Lorraine Hairston Morton, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable and innumerable 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 Lorraine Hairston Morton.