



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

Consent Agenda

Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 9:00 AM

Consent Calendar Meeting - Fourth Set

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 7TH-13TH, 2018 AS MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, Mental Illness Awareness Week shines a light on mental illness, fights stigmas, provides support, and advocates for equal care; and

WHEREAS, maintaining good mental health is crucial to living a long healthy life, it is important for the well-being of individuals, families, and our communities; and

WHEREAS, mental health illnesses are more common than cancer, diabetes, or hearth disease, millions of Americans are living with a mental health condition; and

WHEREAS, it is important to maintain mental health and learn the symptoms of mental illness in order to get help when it is needed; and

WHEREAS, suicide continues to be a leading cause of death among Americans, taking a life every 13 minutes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, mental health stigmas are widespread and commonly held among individuals in society regardless if they know an individual with a mental health problem; and

WHEREAS, to remove the stigma around mental health illness, we must recognize that mental illness is as much of an illness as a physical illness is; and

WHEREAS, every citizen and community can make a difference in helping end the silence and stigma that for too long has surrounded mental illness, and discouraged people from getting help; and

WHEREAS, public education and civic activities can encourage mental health and help improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize October 7th through October 13th as Mental Illness Awareness Week in Cook County to shine a light on mental illness and advocate for equal care for all those suffering from a mental illness.

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Sponsored by: Garcia, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DION ELIOT MILLER-PÉREZ

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Dion Eliot Miller-Pérez from our midst on July 26, 2018 at the age of 56; and

WHEREAS, Dion was born in Chicago, Illinois on October 24, 1961 to Dr. Angela Pérez-Miller and John Miller; and

WHEREAS, Dion learned his work at the feet of his mother, Dr. Angela Pérez-Miller, an educator and activist and was inspired by her to be a leader and voice for the oppressed; and

WHEREAS, Dion demonstrated to be a smart and caring individual and was later known to be a gentle yet powerful man; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Dion married his soul mate, Susan Mullen, an artist and longtime art teacher at Wells High School; and

WHEREAS, earlier in life, Dion took a shot at being a political headliner, running for the 12th Ward aldermanic seat, but he found his home behind the scenes, training volunteers and managing campaigns, which suited his natural gift for teaching, building relationships and community organizing; and

WHEREAS, when the City of Chicago founded Local School Councils (LSC), Dion was among the first elected to serve. He served at three elementary school councils: Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, Burroughs Elementary School and William F. Finkl Academy; and

WHEREAS, as a staffer for the Neighborhood Capital Budget Group, Dion fought for equity in school construction spending which he cared deeply about; and

WHEREAS, at the Cross-City Campaign for Urban School Reform, Dion dedicated his time to teaching LSCs and community organizations how to evaluate local schools and district budgets; and

WHEREAS, the most formative experience of his career came between 2005 and 2009, when Dion served as Executive Director of the Telpochcalli Community Education Project (TCEP). There, Dion created space for women and young people in Little Village, his neighborhood, to build community, speak truth to power and forge their own destinies; and

WHEREAS, when nonprofits were struggling during the recession, Dion chose to move on and made room for longtime organizer María Velázquez to move into the role of executive director, and

WHEREAS, Dion served in the Cook County Board of Commissioner's Office, Cook County Justice Advisory Council, and the Cook County Department of Human Rights and Ethics; and

WHEREAS, although he loved to write, Dion's legacy will not only live in his writings - it will be most pronounced in the lives of the many young people of Little Village he nurtured-artists, fighters and community builders-including his three sons; and

WHEREAS, Dion fought tirelessly to upend racism, classism and sexism; and

WHEREAS, Dion is survived by his wife and best friend Susan Mullen; and three children - Donovan, Manuel, and Antonio; and

WHEREAS, Dion will always be remembered as a longtime political operative, public education advocate, a passionate advocate for systematic racial justice, fighter for equity and social justice, faithful friend, and loving father and husband. The Little Village community is saddened to lose such an amazing leader who fought for the Latino community with such hard work and compassion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family, colleagues, and many friends of Dion Eliot Miller-Pérez, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the family of Dion Eliot Miller-Pérez's family so that his memory may be honored and ever cherished.

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Sponsored by: Garcia, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BETH SHALOM B'NAI ZAKEN ETHIOPIAN HEBREW CONGREGATION

WHEREAS, Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation (Beth Shalom) will be celebrating their 100 year anniversary "L'Dor V'Dor" (from Generation to Generation) from October 26, 2018 to October 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Beth Shalom is the oldest Temple in the Chicago area serving the Israelite Community; and
WHEREAS, Beth Shalom is a family synagogue that exists as a place of worship for all people of the Hebrew-Israelite faith; and

WHEREAS, Beth Shalom was established as the Ethiopian Hebrew Association in 1915, by Rabbi Horace Hasan; and

WHEREAS, in 1918, Rabbi David Lasarus and Rabbi Caino Stirson, came to the Chicago area from New York and later joined forces with Rabbi Hasan, and five years later, by their beloved Senior Rabbi Abihu Ben Reuben; and

WHEREAS, in the 1930's and 1940's, the leadership of the Ethiopian Hebrew community was firmly in the hands of Rabbi Abihu Ben Reuben, Rabbi Lazarus, and Rabbi Louis Green. Rabbis Reuben and Lazarus studied with Chief Rabbi Wentworth A. Matthew, at the Commandment Keepers Congregation in New York City, and were ordained rabbis by Chief Rabbi Matthew. Rabbi Louis Green received his Masters of Science in Jewish Studies from the College of Jewish Studies in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, Chief Rabbi Wentworth A. Matthew came to Chicago to oversee the opening of a new Temple to serve the Ethiopian Hebrew Community; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, the Congregation of Ethiopian Hebrews and Beth Shalom Hebrew Congregation merged to form Beth Shalom Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation. Rabbis Abihu Ben Reuben and Capers C. Funnye, Jr., served the congregation as senior and assistant rabbis; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Beth Shalom merged with the Congregation of B'nai Zaken, to form Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation, with Rabbi Capers C. Funnye, Jr. as Rabbi; and **WHEREAS**, Beth Shalom is an affiliate congregation of the International Israelite Board of Rabbis Inc. and fully embraces the ideals of Resolution 801A which was passed by the Board in 1981. It affirms the brotherhood of all people who worship the G-D of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob without regard to tradition or terminology.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation on their 100th year anniversary and joins them in honoring this auspicious occasion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation.

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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

A RESOLUTION HONORING RIVEREDGE HOSPITAL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 55TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Riveredge Hospital, located in Forest Park, Illinois, is among the largest mental health facilities in the region, and

WHEREAS, Riveredge has been serving the needs of the greater Chicagoland area since 1963, and

WHEREAS, since that time, Riveredge has grown to more than 200 beds and has expanded its continuum of care, making treatment possible for all, including children, adolescents and adults, and

WHEREAS, Riveredge is consistently recognized as a Joint Commission Top Performer in its area of expertise, and

WHEREAS, the hospital's leadership team is dedicated to identifying the needs of our community and collaborating with other providers and mental health advocates to address those needs, and

WHEREAS, a recent example of meeting a community need is the opening of an inpatient behavioral health program for adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, the only facility in Illinois with a specialized treatment program for this population, and

WHEREAS, Riveredge is also a leader in the community as staff work in our community to erase mental health stigma, educate on the importance of mental health treatment, and advocate for equity in access to care, and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2018, Riveredge hosted a landmark suicide prevention summit in collaboration with Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance and the Illinois Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the goal of which is to reduce the country's suicide rate by 25 percent by the year 2025, and

WHEREAS, Riveredge celebrated its 55th anniversary in 2018 and will continue in its crucial mission for many years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the doctors, nurses, staff and leadership team at Riveredge Hospital are congratulated on the occasion of 55 years of providing quality mental health treatment and thanked for the good work they do in the greater Chicagoland area, western suburbs, and throughout the state of Illinois.