



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

**BOARD AGENDA**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2019, 9:00 AM**

**Consent Calendar Meeting - Fourth Set**

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**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY AS ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the month of May commemorates the rich and diverse culture of Asian American Pacific Islanders, and the many contributions they have made to both Cook County, and our country as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution designating the annual celebration of Asian/Pacific Heritage Week during the first 10 days of May; in May 1990, the holiday was further expanded when Congress designated May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the more than 300,000 Asian American residents of Cook County have contributed significantly to the development of our neighborhoods and cities; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian, along with Irish immigrants and African Americans among others, constructed and operated the transcontinental railroads that passed through Cook County and provided the basis for our county's economic strength as a transportation center; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is home to Asian American veterans who fought heroically for our nation through many of her conflicts in the 20th century, including Filipinos who, alongside soldiers from Maywood Illinois, survived the Bataan Death March in the Philippines during World War II, and Japanese Americans of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Teams who served our nation with the highest military honors despite being designated for internment in American concentration camps on the west coast; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian American immigrants have made -and continued to make- tremendous efforts in professional fields such as medicine, engineering, education, accounting and chemistry; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Americans, both native born and naturalized immigrants, are making strides in a wider range of professional fields including government, the arts, journalism, the legal profession, athletics, international trade, higher learning and the entertainment industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Americans are among the ranks of elected and appointed officials at the local municipalities, city, county, state and national levels, and are helping to share the future of our nation and

society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Joseph Tecson, former Cook County Board Commissioner, served as the first Asian American Cook County Commissioner from 1977-1982; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Americans are in key positions in the news, entertainment and social media industries as co-founders of firms such as Yahoo, YouTube, Sun Microsystems; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian Americans are a major force in various business and education sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian American athletes, and Asian athletes in America are excelling individually and are leading national sports teams and American professional sports teams to Olympic medals and world championships; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County employs the largest number and percentage of Asian Americans in any governmental workforce in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County values the diversity of the Asian American community and has sought out the advice of Asian Americans in Cook County and has convened the first ever, Cook County Asian American Advisory Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian American Heritage Month provides Cook County and opportunity to restate its firm stand against any and all discrimination on the basis of race, creed or national origin of Cook County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the County of Cook is proud to recognize the leadership and contributions of Asian Pacific Americans throughout our history; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, along with the entire Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, in recognition of the contributions made to our economy and culture by Asian Pacific Americans, and in tribute to all Asian Pacific Americans who call Cook County home.

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING DR. ELIZABETH KELLY FOR HER MANY YEARS OF ACADEMIC WORK AND ACTIVISM**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Elizabeth “Beth” Kelly has taught at DePaul University since 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, Beth Kelly is a professor of Women’s and Gender Studies and a founding member of DePaul University’s interdisciplinary program in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kelly served as Director of Women’s and Gender Studies at DePaul University for six years; and,

**WHEREAS**, Beth Kelly has taught no fewer than ten different courses to numerous students in her time at DePaul University; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kelly has authored several major publications, including co-authoring the book *Telling Our Lives* in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Beth Kelly has been an activist for the LGBTQ community for many decades and contributed greatly to various LGBTQ organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Beth Kelly was the chairperson of Mayor Richard M. Daley’s Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues; and

**WHEREAS**, her role as chairperson of the Advisory Council led her to serve as an advisor to both the Commission on Human Relations for the City of Chicago and the Commission of Human Relations Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, Beth Kelly helped to establish the Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) in 1978 and began her work there as office manager; and

**WHEREAS**, Beth Kelly was a co-founder of the Gay People’s Union, the first LGBT organization on campus, at Stockton State College, with her good friends Kevin Cathcart, who went on to establish Lambda Legal, and Laurel Hester, who played a critical role in domestic partner benefits in Ocean County, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, She received her master’s in education from Harvard University; and

**WHEREAS**, She received her doctorate in political philosophy from Rutgers University; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kelly has inspired many students into activism and public service throughout her career; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes Dr. Elizabeth Kelly for both the academic and advocacy work she has accomplished over many years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulates Dr.

Kelly on her well-deserved retirement from DePaul University; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy be presented to Dr. Beth Kelly.

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING SCHAUMBURG POLICE CHIEF BILL WOLF**

**WHEREAS**, George William “Bill” Wolf was recently appointed Police Chief in Schaumburg, IL; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bill Wolf has nearly 30 years of law enforcement experience; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Wolf’s previous positions include serving in Elgin’s police department as a patrol officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Commander, and Deputy Police Chief; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bill Wolf experienced numerous awards while working in Elgin; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bill Wolf is credited with spearheading intelligence-led policing efforts that led to a 46 year low in crime reduction; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bill Wolf’s many years of experience and strong safety background make him an excellent choice to fill the role of Police Chief in Schaumburg; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Board of the Cook County Commissioners would like to congratulate Schaumburg Police Chief Bill Wolf on his recent appointment, wish him the most success, and offer any services we can provide; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Police Chief Bill Wolf.

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE WORK OF POLICE CHIEF JIM LAMKIN**

**WHEREAS**, Jim Lamkin was the Schaumburg, IL Police Chief from 2013 until May 2019; and,

**WHEREAS**, Jim Lamkin spent 44 years dedicated to law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Lamkin oversaw many important changes throughout his tenure in Schaumburg, including: establishing relationships with neighborhood departments, reviewing patrol staffing and increasing efficiencies, and overseeing successful labor contract negotiations; and,

**WHEREAS**, Jim Lamkin was tasked with implementing recommendations that would continue to restore and enhance the police department's reputation with the community and he succeeded in that task; and,

**WHEREAS**, Jim Lamkin's collaborative efforts with other departments increased Schaumburg's emergency preparedness efforts and encouraged cooperation; and,

**WHEREAS**, Jim Lamkin's dedication and hard work led Schaumburg residents to overwhelmingly declare in a recent survey that they feel safe in their community; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Board of the Cook County Commissioners would like to recognize retired Police Chief Jim Lamkin for his many years of dedicated work to improve the lives and safety of residents; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Jim Lamkin.