



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

Consent Agenda

Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 1:00 PM

Consent Calendar Meeting - Third Set

[19-6324](#)

Sponsored by: BILL LOWRY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING FATHER MICHAEL PFLEGER FOR CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, On May 14, 1975, the Archdiocese of Chicago ordained Father Michael Pfleger. In 1981, at the age of 31, he became the youngest full pastor in the diocese when he the Archdiocese of Chicago appointed Father Michael Pfleger the Pastor of Saint Sabina Church; and

WHEREAS, Father Michael Pfleger lived and ministered in the African American community on both the west and south sides of Chicago.

WHEREAS, Father Michael Pfleger spent two Summers working in a Native American community in Oklahoma and completed his seminary internship as a Chaplin at Cook County Jail and at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Time, Ebony, Newsweek and Jet magazines; The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, U.S.A. Today, The Chicago Tribune, The Chicago Sun-Times, The Chicago Reader and numerous other newspapers and journals recognized the many works of Father Michael Pfleger. Additionally, television programs such as "Day One" ABC; "60 Minutes" (CBS); BBC in Great Britain, the Larry King Show and Nightline profiled his fight against alcohol and tobacco billboards, drugs, racism, rampant gun violence and other injustices which plague the people in his community; and

WHEREAS, Father Michael Pfleger in the course of his faith in action ministry, received recognition for his commitment to equality and passionate stance against injustice. Several of the awards and honors he received are: "Keeper of the Dream", Rainbow/Push; Distinguished Service Award, Nation of Islam; "Thurgood Marshall Award", National Black Prosecutors Association; "Monsignor Egan Social Justice Award", DePaul University, "I Am A Man Award" from the April 4th Foundation in Memphis, TN, "Rosa Parks Award" from the SCLC and the "Unsung Hero Award" from the Wade's World Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Father Michael Pfleger remains involved in many issues, such as, campaigns against insufficient living conditions, substandard education for children, parity in scholastic competition and negative music glorifying violence and degrading women, the violence and disrespect of women on popular television shows, the easy access to guns, and the violence snatching the lives of children across the country; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL LOWRY, COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER of the 3rd DISTRICT, do hereby stand, and salute the phenomenal, efficacious, and life changing ministry of Father Michael Pfleger; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to our beloved friend Father Michael Pfleger and Faith Community of St. Sabina; and

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH, SUPPORTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND COMMENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM ADVOCATES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is held throughout the month of October to raise awareness and unite, in solidarity and support, across the nation to end domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence can happen to anyone at any point in a relationship, and happens in every community and affects people of all races, genders, and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, one in three women will experience intimate partner violence, whether physical or emotional, in their lifetime, according to the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, more than half of women (69.5%) and men (53.6%) who have been physically or sexually abused or stalked by a dating partner, first experienced abuse between the ages of 11-24, according to the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence; and

WHEREAS, on average, three women are killed by a current or former intimate partner every day in the United States, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence experience immediate and long-term negative outcomes, including detrimental effects on mental and physical health; and

WHEREAS, personal safety and economic security are often inextricably linked for victims of domestic violence, according to the National Network to End Domestic Violence; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence may not leave because of financial needs, family pressures, believing children need a second parent, or the fear that abusers will follow through on threats to harm children or gain custody, according to the Journal of Social and Personal Relationships; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families in the United

States, according to the American Civil Liberties Union Women's Rights Project; and

WHEREAS, significant numbers of women living in poverty are battered, and the violence they experience can make the climb out of poverty unattainable, according to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; and

WHEREAS, millions of children are exposed to domestic violence each year; and

WHEREAS, children who observe parental conflict, hostility, and violent behavior are more likely to use abusive behaviors toward their significant others in both adolescence and adulthood, according to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; and

WHEREAS, only 60 percent of domestic violence and intimate partner violence incidents are ever reported to the police, according to National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ domestic violence victims face barriers unique to their status, such as lack of access to domestic violence shelters, according to the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs; and

WHEREAS, African American females experience intimate partner violence at a rate 35% higher than that of white females, and about 2.5 times the rate of women of other races and are less likely than white women to use social services, battered women's programs, or go to the hospital because of domestic violence, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Feminist Majority Foundation; and

WHEREAS, 63% of victimized Latinas experience multiple acts of victimization, Latino victims are less likely to tell health care workers, and Latino victims report seeking local shelters less than women from other ethnic/racial groups due to language barriers and fear of immigration enforcement; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence who worked with advocates experienced less violence over time, reported higher quality of life and social support, and had less difficulty obtaining community resources over time, according to the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of domestic violence shelters and community providers serve thousands of adults and children throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, crisis hotlines serving domestic violence victims operate 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, and offer important crisis intervention services, support services, information, and referrals for victims; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers and first responders put their lives at risk each day by responding to incidents of domestic violence, which can be among the most volatile and deadly disturbance calls; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and does hereby support the goals

and ideals of Domestic Violence Awareness Month to end domestic violence and provide safety for victims of domestic violence and their families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends domestic violence victim advocates, victim service providers, crisis hotline staff and first responders for their compassionate support of survivors of domestic violence, and commits to continuing to raise awareness of domestic violence and the corresponding devastating effects of domestic violence on survivors, families, and communities.

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Sponsored by: JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIRACULOUS WEEPING ICON
OF THE VIRGIN MARY AT SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
OF CICERO, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church located in Cicero, Illinois has been a pillar in the Cook County region for over 55 years;

WHEREAS, in 1963 the parish of St. George was established on the West Side of Chicago as Orthodox Christians began to arrive in Illinois from the Middle East, and in 1979 a building was purchased in Oak Park, IL;

WHEREAS, on May 01, 1984, to meet the growing needs of the community and after several months of fundraising, the members of St. George purchased a former Korean Presbyterian Church. This complex included Sunday school classrooms, a parish hall, a rectory, and a parking lot;

WHEREAS, on April 22, 1994, the parishioners of St. George witnessed God's glory as the Icon of the Theotokos on the church's iconostasis began to shed tears. His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP formally declared the weeping icon a miracle and named it "The Miraculous Icon of Our Lady of Cicero;

WHEREAS, visitors from all over the world travel to visit the Miraculous Weeping Icon in Cicero, bringing joy and hope for many Orthodox Christians throughout the world;

WHEREAS, the history of St. George has been full of miracles: From overcoming obstacles in its early days, to recovering from a tragic fire; the members of Saint George have overcome tragedy and adversity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby express our congratulations to Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Celebration of its 25th Anniversary of the Miraculous Icon of Our Lady of Cicero and extend our very best wishes for the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a ceremonial copy of same be presented to the Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church in honor of its impact to their community.

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Sponsored by: BRANDON JOHNSON, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS BLACK FINE ART MONTH

WHEREAS, Black artists inspire the citizens of Cook County with the power of their imaginations, and create works that heal, uplift and transform our community; and

WHEREAS, Black artists create works in all art forms that reflect a wide range of experiences and perspectives; and

WHEREAS, the appreciation of the full diversity and complexity of Black lives is crucial for the common good of our local, national, and international communities; and

WHEREAS, Black artists play a leading role in communicating the national narrative and shaping public attitudes about diversity, and provide valuable role models for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Black artists create work that touches our deepest emotions and builds bridges among people of all ages, abilities, races, religions, and sexual preferences; and

WHEREAS, Pigment International, in collaboration with The DuSable Museum of African American History, and in partnership with gallerists, art purveyors, curators, and arts organizations across Cook County, have organized Black Fine Art Month, which is celebrated annually during October.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Cook County celebrate the historical significance of Black artists and their commitment to using the Black fine art aesthetic to advocate social justice and demonstrate the shared experiences of all people. joining with artists and art supporters around the world to celebrate the Black fine art aesthetic and its global impact during this inaugural Black Fine Art Month proclaimed this October 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim October as Black Fine Art Month.