



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

Consent Agenda

Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 1:00 PM

Consent Calendar Meeting - Fourth Set

[19-6846](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING DR. M. WASIULLAH KHAN AND EAST-WEST UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, Dr. M. Wasiullah Khan, Chancellor of East-West University, grew up in Lahore, Pakistan and received his Master of Education from the University of the Punjab in Lahore. Dr. Khan immigrated to the United States in 1972. He received his Ph.D. in Educational Administration from Indiana University. Dr. Khan served as Dean of Academic and Learning Resources at Daniel Hale Williams University from 1977-1978;

WHEREAS, Dr. M. Wasiullah Khan, Chancellor and Dr. Madhu Jain, Provost of East-West University conceived of the idea of East-West University on November 1, 1978;

WHEREAS, East-West University was established in 1980. The University was awarded operating and degree granting authority; and classes began in the Fall Quarter of that year. Since 1983, East-West University has continuously been accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA);

WHEREAS, East-West University's mission is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence by all through relevant, effective and convenient education and provides equal educational opportunity for all racial, ethnic and socio-economic groups. The University's program offerings of liberal arts and sciences along with job and career related professional education are geared to the service economy of modern times. The University promotes service to humankind with a global, multi-cultural and future oriented perspective;

WHEREAS, East-West University is dedicated to providing quality education to students from all backgrounds and benefit students from underserved communities. The University is both comprehensive and pluralistic in terms of clientele, academic programs, educational delivery systems, research and publication projects and sources of financial support. East-West University offers relevant, effective and convenient programs in liberal arts, sciences and career related areas like biology, electronics, computer science and business administration.

WHEREAS, East-West University enables its students to lead and serve, producing graduates committed to make a difference in the world.

WHEREAS, consistent with its commitment to make higher education affordable, the University has maintained one of the lowest tuition rates among private colleges in Illinois and students graduate with the least amount of debt;

WHEREAS, almost 80 percent of East-West University students are from low-income families. More than 50 percent of the University's students are the first in their families to attend college. The student population breakdown for the University is 53% African American; 19% Hispanic; 3% Caucasian; 21% international; 2% Asian and 2% multicultural;

WHEREAS, East-West University's majority of students come from the Chicago public high schools and are predominantly from the west, south and southwest sections of the City of Chicago;

WHEREAS, East-West University has graduated thousands of students and has provided numerous scholarships for students in need and those who have been successful;

WHEREAS, East-West University opened its Student Life Center on April 24, 2014. That building is a 165,000 square foot, 17 story state-of-the-art facility for current and prospective East-West students. The Student Life Center offers students many modern benefits and amenities, including 10 floors of student housing, an athletic center, a multipurpose gym, welcoming area with a restaurant, a tutoring center, an expansive library, computer labs, and a conference center with an auditorium. The building also serves as an active resource for the South Loop community as well as for visitors;

WHEREAS, East-West University has an established history offering education centered on leadership and dedicated to progress;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVES that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Dr. M. Wasiullah Khan, Chancellor and East-West University for providing 40 extraordinary years of education to thousands of students in Chicago and Illinois.

[19-6868](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING ASPIRA OF ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, ASPIRA of Illinois was established in 1968 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in response to the growing social and educational needs of the Puerto Rican and Latino community in Chicago,

WHEREAS, ASPIRA of Illinois' mission is to empower the Puerto Rican and Latino community through advocacy and the education and leadership development of its youth,

WHEREAS, ASPIRA of Illinois' approach is multi-systemic and addresses all family members' needs in collaboration with other social service agencies, health care providers, public schools, higher education institutions and government agencies,

WHEREAS, ASPIRA of Illinois is committed to elevating the self-esteem of all students through leadership development and fostering their personal growth by encouraging lifelong learning.

WHEREAS, ASPIRA of Illinois understands the value of all students appreciating and understanding their cultural heritage to build self-esteem and pave the way to academic excellence.

WHEREAS, ASPIRA of Illinois is committed to teaching students the value of improving the quality of life of others and learning to be compassionate and understanding.

WHEREAS, ASPIRA of Illinois embraces all aspects of human diversity and value its necessity to ensure a vibrant learning environment.

WHEREAS, ASPIRA of Illinois is committed to establishing partnerships with universities, the private sector, nonprofit, and community organizations that will enhance the student's school experience and their leadership development.

WHEREAS, ASPIRA of Illinois serves over 3,000 students and their families every year through its schools and youth development programs,

WHEREAS, ASPIRA of Illinois has helped thousands of low-income students attend college and helped numerous families access support services

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby recognizes the great work done by ASPIRA of Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize November 20, 2019 to be ASPIRA Day in Cook County and encourage all residents to support ASPIRA of Illinois' efforts.

[19-6869](#)

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, and LUIS ARROYO JR, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 20, 2019 AS LATINA EQUAL PAY DAY

WHEREAS, November 20, 2019 is a stark reminder of the amount of time it takes for Latina women to make as much as a white, non-Hispanic man; and

WHEREAS, the Equal Pay Act of 1963 prohibits discrimination in compensation for equal work on the basis of sex, while the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination in compensation because of race;

and

WHEREAS, despite our laws, Latina women face a disparity in pay; and

WHEREAS, Latina women are paid just 53 cents for every dollar earned by white, non-Hispanic men; and

WHEREAS, according to the advocacy organization Lean In, the pay gap for women begins as early as age 16 and only grows from there; and

WHEREAS, even though Latina women represent 27.9 million of the U.S. population and Latinxs are driving the American economy with \$1.7 trillion in purchasing power, the pay gap affects Latinas across various professional fields and is ironically at its largest for Latinas with advanced degrees; and

WHEREAS, equal pay for Latina women is essential to the economic stability and success for Latinas, their families and their 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 recognizes the disparity between wages paid to Latina women and its impact on their lives, families and community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners reaffirms its commitment to closing the wage gap.

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER AND RECOGNIZING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Illinois is the traditional homeland of the Council of the Three Fires: The Odawa, Ojibwe and Potawatomi Nations. Many other Tribes like the Miami, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Sac and Fox also called this area home; and

WHEREAS, located at the intersection of several great waterways, Illinois became a site of travel and healing for many Tribes. American Indians have called this area home since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, in response to the growing needs of a rapidly-expanding local Native American population and the Indian Relocation program of the 1950s, the American Indian Center (AIC) was founded to advance the welfare of American Indians in the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the AIC strives to be the primary cultural and community resource in the greater Chicago metropolitan area, creating bonds of understanding and communication between Native Americans and non-Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, AIC promotes fellowship among the nearly 65,000 Indian people of all Tribes living in the metropolitan Chicago area, conserving Indian cultural values through cultural, artistic and educational means; and

WHEREAS, AIC provides their members with support programs, physical and spiritual health in the community, and foster Native American youth; and

WHEREAS, in November of 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed a resolution designating November as “Native American Heritage Month”, and

WHEREAS, since September 7, 1953, the American Indian Center has been a staple of the Native American community and will continue to highlight the contributions of Native Americans; 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 recognizes the American Indian Center for their contributions to the Native American community and residents of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize November as Native American Heritage Month.