



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

**Consent Agenda**

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 1:00 PM**

**Consent Calendar Meeting - Second Set**

[20-1136](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE HEROIC ACT OF LAWRENCE SANTORO**

**WHEREAS,** Lawrence Santoro has been an investigator with the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office for almost 8 years; and

**WHEREAS,** on December 23, 2019, Mr. Santoro was driving to investigate the scene of a death; and

**WHEREAS,** as he was driving on the Eisenhower Expressway, Mr. Santoro came across an accident; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Santoro saw that the car appeared to be on fire, so he quickly radioed for help; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Santoro saw two men in the vehicle, one of whom was unconscious; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Santoro began CPR on the unconscious individual until the Fire Department arrived; and

**WHEREAS,** as a result of Mr. Santoro's actions, the lives of the two accident victims were saved; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents and over 22,000 employees of Cook County, honors Lawrence Santoro for his heroic lifesaving act; 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 Lawrence Santoro.

[20-1171](#)

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**HONORING FOUR HEROIC U.S. ARMY CHAPLAINS**

**WHEREAS,** February 2, 2020 marks the 77th anniversary of the sinking of the U.S. troop ship, SS Dorchester; and

**WHEREAS**, on that day in 1943 while transporting soldiers overseas over the North Atlantic, the SS Dorchester was struck by a torpedo which knocked out the ship's electrical system, leaving the ship dark which created panic among the men aboard, many of them trapped below deck. It is what happened during these crucial 20 minutes before the ship sank, the reason we remember this day; and

**WHEREAS**, in a final act of valor and courage, four U.S. Army first lieutenant chaplains Methodist Reverend George L. Fox, Roman Catholic Priest John P. Washington, Jewish Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Dutch Reformed faiths Reverend Clark V. Poling calmed the men and organized an orderly evacuation of the ship; and

**WHEREAS**, as they helped guide wounded men to safety into life boats and as life jackets were passed out to the men, the supply ran out. The chaplains removed their own life jackets and gave them to others. They then linked arms while praying and went down with the ship as it sank into the cold waters of the North Atlantic; and

**WHEREAS**, every year hence, citizens across our country have remembered the courage and extraordinary display of bravery from these four heroic men of faith, and

**WHEREAS**, this year's memorial program is hosted by the Military Order of the Purple Heart and is sponsored annually by the Combined Veterans Association of Illinois.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby designate Sunday, February 2, 2020 FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY in Cook County, in honor to preserve the memory of these individuals who demonstrated the ultimate supreme sacrifice at sea.

[20-1174](#)

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#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING EQUAL HOPE AND RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress designated January as Cervical Health Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, cervical cancer is still the second most common type of cancer for women worldwide and nearly 13,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year with more than 4,000 women dying as a result of this diagnosis, but the disease is preventable with vaccination and appropriate screening such as Pap and HPV tests; and

**WHEREAS**, the occurrence of cervical cancer in Chicago is 39% higher than the national average and the death rate is 60% higher, according to data from the National Cancer Institute; and

**WHEREAS**, HPV is the #1 cause of cervical cancer; however, HPV vaccines can help prevent infection from both high-risk HPV types that can lead to cervical cancer and low risk types that cause genital warts; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC recommends all boys and girls get the HPV vaccine at age 11 or 12, but vaccination is available through age 26; and

**WHEREAS**, the vaccine produces a stronger immune response when taken during the preteen years, and it is for this reason that up until age 14, only two doses of the vaccine are required; and

**WHEREAS**, young women and men can get the vaccine up to age 26, but for those 15 and older, a full three-dose series is needed; and

**WHEREAS**, it's important to recognize outstanding work being done here in Illinois and Cook County by our community partners such as Equal Hope; and

**WHEREAS**, Equal Hope is a not-for-profit organization originally set up in 2008 as the Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force after the publication of disturbing research that showed that Chicago had large and growing racial disparities in breast cancer mortality; and

**WHEREAS**, women of color are disproportionately affected with Black and Latina women nearly three times more likely to die of cervical cancer than white women in Chicago, and drastic variations exist among neighborhoods; women living in Washington Park, for example, are 85 times more likely to die of cervical cancer than women living in adjacent Hyde Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Equal Hope's mission is to save women's lives by eliminating health disparities in Illinois, originally through the lens of breast cancer and now expanded to cervical cancer and other women's cancers; addressing women's health holistically by helping women establish medical homes with the goal of eliminating inequities in prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship for all women; and

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body wishes to promote and raise awareness of National Cervical Health Awareness Month in Cook County and to recognize the good work of Equal Hope in combatting this "silent killer" of women;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby take this opportunity to acknowledge National Cervical Health Awareness Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in conjunction with National Cervical Health Awareness Month,

that the month of January be hereby declared Cervical Health Awareness Month in the County of Cook; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to Equal Hope in recognition of National Cervical Health Awareness Month.

[20-1190](#)

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**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY ON THEIR 112TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® (AKA) originated January 15, 1908 from the vision of Ethel Hedgeman and eight other African-American college students on the campus of Howard University, the first African-American Greek-letter sorority; and

**WHEREAS**, on this day January 15, 2020, worldwide members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated will pause to honor the founding of their beloved sisterhood and pay homage to the vision, courage, tenacity and oneness of purpose of the extraordinary women who dared to create the first organization for college-trained women designed to support and promote sisterhood, scholarship and service; and

**WHEREAS**, Alpha Kappa Alpha was incorporated on January 29, 1913, which facilitated the growth of an international service organization that now consists of 1,024 chapters, including many active chapters within Cook County, and nearly 300,000 members in more than 55 nations and all 50 states including the District of Columbia, the US Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, Germany, Liberia, South Korea, Japan, Canada, South Africa and the Middle East; and

**WHEREAS**, Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and embodied in their credo to be of "Service to All Mankind"; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than a century, the AKA Sisterhood has been an indomitable force for good in their communities, state, nation, and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Alpha Kappa Alpha has maintained its focus in two key arenas: the lifelong personal and

professional development of each of its members; and galvanizing its membership into an organization of respected power and influence, consistently at the forefront of effective advocacy and social change that results in equality and equity for all citizens of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. chapters located in Cook County include: Beta (Chicago), Theta Omega (Chicago), Delta Omicron (Chicago), Theta Rho Omega (Markham), Delta Chi Omega (Evanston), Lambda Alpha Omega (Westchester), Lambda Mu Omega (Chicago), Lambda Tau Omega (Matteson), Xi Nu Omega (Chicago), Xi Kappa (Chicago), Omicron Alpha (River Forest), Tau Gamma Omega (Chicago), Pi Nu (Chicago), Phi Epsilon Omega (Harvey), Phi Kappa Omega (Oak Lawn), Chi Alpha Omega (Schaumburg), Chi Omega Omega (Chicago), and Tau Mu (Chicago); and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to congratulate the members of the Cook County Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. on the occasion of the sorority's 112th anniversary;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated on their celebration of National Founders Day on January 15, 2020, and thank them for 112 years of service in the public interest; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to a representative of each Cook County Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

[20-1192](#)

**Sponsored by:** LUIS ARROYO JR, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), ALMA E. ANAYA, 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**

**IN CELEBRATION OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

**WHEREAS**, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated is a Black Greek Letter Organization founded on January 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. by Arizona Cleaver Stemons, Pearl Anna Neal, Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Viola Tyler Goings and Fannie Pettie Watts. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded on the principles of Scholarship, Service, Sisterly Love and Finer Womanhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is the only Black Greek Letter Organization constitutionally bound with another Black Greek Letter Organization, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, founded on

January 9, 1914 on the campus of Howard University. Zeta Phi Beta was incorporated in the State of Illinois in 1939. Currently, the Sisterhood of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. has over 100,000 members around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is currently led by the Sorority's 25th International President, Valerie Hollingsworth-Baker; and

**WHEREAS**, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. has long-standing awareness partnerships and assists tirelessly year-round to raise funds on behalf National Organizations such as the March of Dimes and the American Cancer Society and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is one of Nine Black Greek Letter Organizations in existence known as 'The Divine Nine'. The Divine Nine Organizations are listed as follows: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated (founded December 4, 1906); Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (founded January 15, 1908); Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated (founded January 5, 1911); Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (founded November 17, 1911); Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (founded January 13, 1913); Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated (founded January 9, 1914), Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated (founded January 16, 1920); Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated (founded November 12, 1922) and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated (founded September 19, 1963); and

**WHEREAS**, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. mentors young women from ages 4 - 18 through the Zeta Youth Auxiliaries known as the Pearlettes, Amicettes and Archonettes. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. also sponsors an adult auxiliary formed in 1947 entitled The Amicae, making Zeta Phi Beta the first Sorority in the National Pan Hellenic Council to organize an auxiliary. The Amicae auxiliary consists of non-degreed women who have an opportunity to serve alongside Zeta Phi Beta with the same ideals and principles that the Sorority was founded upon; and

**WHEREAS**, in Cook County, there are three undergraduate chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.: Alpha Alpha Chicago Metropolitan Chapter, Nu Sigma at Northwestern University, and Mu Phi at Loyola University; and eight Graduate Chapters: Zeta Tau Zeta (Chicago Metropolitan); Zeta Zeta (Dolton), Xi Mu Zeta (Markham), Tau Alpha Zeta (Richton Park), Tau Xi Zeta (Forest Park), Tau Psi Zeta (Alsip), Omega Pi Zeta (Evanston) and Psi Psi Zeta (Chicago). Together, all of these chapters will be honoring Zeta Phi Beta's Centennial Year on January 16, 2020 collaboratively throughout Cook County under the initiative entitled 'One Zeta'; and

**WHEREAS**, in Cook County, as well as worldwide, members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. have given hours of time in the form of community service to the citizens of Cook County as well as raise several thousands of dollars to provide scholarships annually to college bound high school seniors in Illinois. Cook County Chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. participate County Wide in providing outreach services to women, men and children in Cook County as well as globally via National Programs approved by the Sorority such as Z-HOPE (Zetas Helping Other People Excel), which is designed to enhance, cultivate and develop lifestyle choices of a person's health be it mentally or physically, primarily those persons of

color as well as Stork's Nest, a cooperative program between the Sorority and the March of Dimes that aims to increase the number of women receiving early and regular prenatal care in an effort to prevent premature births and infant mortality ; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly all Cook County Graduate Chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. are members of the National Pan Hellenic Council of Chicago, which is a collaborative organization of 40 chapters representing Divine Nine Organizations in the Chicagoland area as a chapter of the National Pan Hellenic Council, formed on May 30, 1930 on the campus of Howard University as a means for Historically Black Greek Letter Organizations to meet, fellowship and engage in cooperative programming and initiatives through various projects, activities and functions; and

**WHEREAS**, the undergraduate and graduate chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority located in Cook County, Illinois are part of the Great Lakes Region, led by Great Lakes Regional Director Connie V. Pugh and Illinois State Director Dr. Dawn C. Edwards; and

**WHEREAS**, notable members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. include singer/talk show host Syleena Johnson, Past International President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., comedienne and talk show host Sheryl Underwood; Violette Anderson, Past International President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. the first African American law school graduate in the State of Illinois and the 1st African American woman to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court; the Honorable Willie Whiting, charter member of Zeta Tau Zeta Metropolitan Graduate Chapter - Chicago, IL; first woman executive secretary of the Chicago branch of the NAACP; the first black woman to prosecute cases for the City of Chicago in Women's Court and first black woman employed in Northern Illinois as an Assistant United States Attorney who was eventually elected in 1978 to the Circuit Court of Cook County as judge and the first African American woman endorsed by the Regular Democratic Party to run county wide for election.; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Presidents of the Chapters are listed as follows - Zeta Tau Zeta Chapter (Chicago) - Elizabeth Stevenson; Tau Psi Zeta Chapter (Alsip, IL) - Darcell Norwood-Baugh; Tau Alpha Zeta Chapter (Richton Park, IL) - Mersaydes Young; Xi Mu Zeta Chapter (Markham, IL) - Robbin Cooper; Psi Psi Zeta Chapter (Chicago) - Denise Johnson-Bournes; Zeta Zeta (Dolton, IL) Adrienne Kellum McDay; Omega Pi Zeta (Evanston) - Joanna Goodson; Tau Xi Zeta (Forest Park) - Tiffany Jones; Alpha Alpha (Chicago Metropolitan Undergraduate) - Erica Lee; Nu Sigma (Northwestern University) -Brittany Owens; Mu Phi (Loyola University) - Ngozi Ude.

**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 celebrate with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. on their Centennial and commend them on their unwavering commitment and inspiring desire to provide true service, to embrace scholarship, to set a standard for Sisterly Love and to define the noble concept of Finer Womanhood; 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 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. International President, Valerie Hollingsworth-Baker; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.- Great Lakes Regional Director Connie V.



Pugh, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. - State of Illinois Director Dr. Dawn C. Edwards, to commemorate this momentous occasion.