



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
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Virtual Meeting

Consent Agenda

Thursday, October 22, 2020, 10:00 AM

[20-4506](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

VETERANS DAY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally proclaimed a holiday on November 11, 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson to honor the end of World War I; and

WHEREAS, November 11, subsequently declared a legal holiday in 1938, was “dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day”. In 1954, at the urging of veterans organizations, the 1938 Act was amended by replacing Armistice Day with Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary War to the present day, the contributions made to the United States of America by soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who stand in our place to defend the freedoms we enjoy cannot be calculated; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cook has the largest veteran population in this state with 224,000 veterans; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cook has always honored the immeasurable wartime and peacetime contributions and sacrifice of individuals of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Americans still give thanks to veterans for their service on Veterans Day with ceremonies and speeches and at 11 a.m. many Americans observe a moment of silence in remembrance of those who fought and for those who gave their lives to preserve the freedom we now enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of those who have answered the call to duty to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, in defense of our democratic principles, gives this great Nation continued strength and vitality; and

WHEREAS, even today, members of the military are stationed throughout the world, while their families remain in our communities; and

WHEREAS, families praying for the safe return of loved ones experience everyday life in a very different way than others, as their everyday thoughts and feelings never stray far from those they honor and are proud of for serving this great nation; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of those who have answered the call to duty give freely and unselfishly of themselves, in defense of our democratic principles; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is a day set aside to thank and honor veterans who served honorably in the military for their service - in wartime or peacetime; and

WHEREAS, the commemoration of this day is a matter of historic and patriotic significance to all American citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize November 11, 2020 as Veterans Day and ask that on this day of honor everyone express their gratitude to our veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with respect and gratitude, we salute all of our veterans, remembering “all gave some and some gave all” and devote special attention to those veterans who are sick and disabled, and show them through our actions that we remember and honor them.

[20-4507](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING KATHLEEN BURGESS UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Kathleen Burgess will be retiring from Cook County Government on September 30, 2020 after nearly 23-years of serving the residents of Cook County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure with Cook County, Kathy has diligently worked as a team player to serve the residents of Cook County and did so with a cheery disposition; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Burgess began serving early in life as a flight attendant, with her airline often flying soldiers serving in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Kathy began her career with Cook County in the Department of Supportive Services as an Administrative Assistant IV; and

WHEREAS, by the end of that year, she began working for what then was the Office of the Chief Coordinator in the Bureau of Public Safety & Judicial Coordination; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Kathy was promoted to Administrative Assistant V where she was responsible for single handedly managing the County’s Child Support Compliance Enforcement activities ensuring that anyone seeking a County Privilege is in full compliance with any Child Support Order; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Kathy continued her employment under the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer; and

WHEREAS, Kathy’s pleasant personality and desire to help attitude led her to become the voice of Cook

County when the County shifted to automated phone services in lieu of live operators, she was the callers' support when automated options were insufficient; and

WHEREAS, Kathy continued to hold these responsibilities until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Burgess has often gone above and beyond to assist County residents and reflect what it means to be a County employee, a true public servant - someone with care and concern for the people who need our services; and

WHEREAS, Kathy continues serving outside of her work hours to support deserving candidates in their quest for public office, including her friend of 60 years, Hillary Rodham Clinton; and

WHEREAS, the President, Cook County Board of Commissioners, Cook County staff and all who know Kathy wish her well as she now has more time to spend making Cook County, the State of Illinois and the nation a better place for all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million Cook County residents and more than 22,000 employees of Cook County, congratulate Kathleen Burgess upon the occasion of her retirement.

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 Kathleen Burgess.

[20-4672](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING SARAH'S INN

WHEREAS Sarah's Inn provides comprehensive services for families affected by domestic violence; and

WHEREAS Sarah's Inn was founded in 1980 by concerned women in River Forest and Oak Park, to address the lack of services for victims of domestic violence and their families; and

WHEREAS Sarah's Inn provides holistic intervention services to adults and children impacted by domestic violence, providing them necessary supports and resources, and a safe environment to process and heal from the trauma they have experienced; and

WHEREAS, While working in partnership with local stakeholders, with education and training programs to promote appropriate community response to violence. Our legal support services help ensure that survivors of domestic violence receive equal rights and protect under the law; and

WHEREAS Sarah's Inn is a community leader in educating children and adolescents about how to cultivate healthy relationships to prevent future violence from occurring; and

WHEREAS, The organization has since grown to become one of the largest and most comprehensive domestic violence agencies serving Chicago and 22 surrounding West Cook County suburban communities. The agency currently operates with its hub in Forest Park, and seven off-site locations through partner agencies and area courthouses throughout West Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Our mission is to improve the lives of those affect by domestic violence and to break the cycle of violence for future generations; 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 honor and recognize Sarah's Inn for their contribution to the viability of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Sarah's Inn as a means of communicating our appreciation.

[20-4809](#)

Presented by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING KAN-WIN

WHEREAS Kan-Win's mission is to eradicate gender-based violence, including domestic violence and sexual assault for women and children across Asian American communities and beyond; and

WHEREAS, In the late 1980's women advocate's and social service providers came together in response to the growing demand for domestic violence services in the Korean American community. From those discussions KAN-WIN was officially founded on August 15, 1990; and

WHEREAS, Previously, KAN-WIN went by the name "Korean American Women In Need." In 2013 with increasingly diversity of its clientele, KAN-WIN wanted to show commitment to meeting the great diversity of culture and linguistic needs within the community; and

WHEREAS, Our vision is of a healthy and safe community from violence and oppression in which everyone. Abusive situations can be changed and that women can be empowered through education, advocacy and intervention; and

WHEREAS, We work to collectively to promote the philosophy of equality without regard to race, class, gender, sexual orientation or disability; and

WHEREAS KAN-WIN is the only agency in the Midwest to operate a 24-hour hotline in Korean and other languages to assist survivors with crisis counseling, crisis intervention, safety assessment and emergency and short-term shelters; and

WHEREAS, KAN-WIN strives to develop up-to-date, multilingual and culturally competent resource materials on domestic violence for its survivors; 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 honor and recognize KAN-WIN for their contribution to the viability of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to KAN-WIN as a means of communicating our appreciation.

[20-4684](#)

Sponsored by: FRANK J. AGUILAR, 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, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Hon. Dorothy Brown was elected in November 2000 as the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, one of the largest court systems in the world, and is retiring after 20-years of outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, Hon. Dorothy Brown is the first African-American Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, serving for five consecutive terms, becoming Cook County's longest serving Clerk of Court, as well as the county's longest serving African-American elected executive official; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure, Hon. Dorothy Brown implemented in partnership with the Cook County judiciary and the Cook County Board massive upgrades to, and considerably expanded the services of, the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court by focusing on five strategic pillars: 21st Century Technology; Improved Customer Service, providing customer service training to all Clerk's Office employees; Employee Training and Development, providing thousands of hours of training, including diversity and technology training to Clerk's Office employees; Operational Efficiency, creating a Policies Methods and Procedures for every position and function in the Clerk's Office; and

Financial Accountability, implementing cost savings procedures, and new revenue for the Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, As the Clerk of Court, Hon. Dorothy Brown greatly increased access to justice, by implementing a range of technological innovations in the Clerk's Office: from creating a number of online services, including Online Traffic Ticket Payment System, Mortgage Surplus Search, Unclaimed Child Support Checks Search, SmartForms (Online Order of Protection service); to having one of the few court clerk Mobile Apps in the United States, Court Clerk Mobile Connect; to making the case management systems, all electronic, in 2002, by installing an electronic system in the Probate and County divisions; to implementing an integrated cashiering system in 2004; to implementing an integrated eTraffic Ticket system to make traffic stops faster and safer for police officers in 2005; to implementing an Intranet system to balance the playing field for communicating information directly to the Clerk's Office employees; to championing the implementation of electronic filing in Illinois, being one of the first court clerks in Illinois to implement an integrated eFiling system in 2009; to implementing an Imaging Document Management System for the digitization of millions of court documents from 2009 to 2014; to implementing an integrated eTraffic Ticket system to make traffic stops faster and safer for police officers in 2011; to providing Digital Access Terminals in all Clerk's Office locations for viewing and retrieving the imaged documents in 2016; to installing Smart Kiosks and digital monitors for accessing court information in 2019; and, finally, selecting and installing a new, state-of-the-art, case management system from 2017 to 2020, to replace the 40-year-old, legacy mainframe case management systems that she inherited for Criminal, Civil and Traffic cases; and

WHEREAS, Hon. Dorothy Brown championed integrated information systems and utilized her expertise in that area to effect change throughout the Cook County court system, specifically serving as Chairman of the Cook County Integrated Criminal Justice Information System (CCICJIS) Committee, for which she created a blueprint for integrating systems amongst the Chicago, Cook County, and Illinois justice stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Hon. Dorothy Brown created the nationally recognized Second Chance Expungement Summit in 2005, and hosted this community-based service event for 16 years; thereby, helping thousands of individuals access the legal processes for clearing past criminal records and becoming employed and productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, Hon. Dorothy Brown also pursued an aggressive legislative strategy since taking Office, promoting and supporting major legislation that improved the operations and revenues for all clerks of court in the State of Illinois, as well as new laws that directly benefited the citizens of the State of Illinois in the areas of practical Child Support legislation, meaningful expungement and sealing bills, and amendments that improved the quality of life of many; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Judiciary and Cook County Board are grateful for the wonderful service provided to the residents of Cook County by the Hon. Dorothy Brown, who has a heart for the people and an unwavering commitment to serve; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, hereby recognize and honor the Hon. Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, on 20 years of innovative public service to the residents of Cook County; 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 same be tendered to the Honorable Dorothy Brown.

[20-4785](#)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, the Filipino American National Historical Society established Filipino American History Month (FAHM) in 1988, choosing October to commemorate the arrival of the first Filipinos who landed in what is now Morro Bay, California on October 18, 1587; and

WHEREAS, with each new wave of immigrants the Filipino American community continues to grow and includes professional athletes, Olympic champions, stars of stage and screen, labor organizers, educators, caretakers, filmmakers, and entrepreneurs as well as members of the medical and engineering professions; and

WHEREAS, the Filipino American community is the third largest in the United States; and

WHEREAS, efforts should continue to promote the study of Filipino-American history and culture, as mandated in the mission statement of the Filipino American National Historical Society, because the roles of Filipino Americans and other people of color have been overlooked in the writing, teaching, and learning of United States history; and

WHEREAS, generations of Filipino Americans have lent their unique voices to the vibrant diversity of origins, cultures, and communities that make America what it is. Their legacy speaks to the extraordinary spirit of common purpose - of unity forged through the ideals that bind us together as people - that has

always been central to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans served their Country faithfully in the wars of the 20th century, and continue to protect America as servicemen and servicewomen around the world; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government and the offices under the President employ the largest percentage of Asian Americans of any government in Illinois, with Filipino-Americans comprising a substantial portion of those employees; and

WHEREAS, Filipino Americans have been, and continue to be, an integral part of the County's essential front-line workers and healthcare system as nurses, doctors, other medical professionals, home health and domestic care workers, postal service workers and other essential industry workers; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois recognizes the civic engagement of Filipino Americans in the State of Illinois October 2020 national theme of, "History of Filipino American Activism" that specifically recognizes the history of Filipino American solidarity with other communities in their fights for equity and justice, including the Black Lives Matter Movement, American Indian Movement, Civil Rights and Voting Rights, Women's Rights, LGBTQ Rights, and Environmental Justice.

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 recognize October as Filipino American History Month and wish to celebrate the extraordinary ways Filipino Americans have contributed to our great County; 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 the Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago, and Filipino American National Historical Society Greater Chicago Chapter, and to the Philippine American Cultural Foundation and in recognition of their unwavering dedication to promote Filipino American History Month.

[20-4503](#)

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, 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 and LARRY SUFFREDIN, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ROBERT G FITZPATRICK, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Robert G Fitzpatrick from our midst, and

WHEREAS, Robert G Fitzpatrick was the loving and adored husband to the late Therese "Sis" (nee

Stearns), and

WHEREAS, Robert G Fitzpatrick was the loving father to Mary Therese, Robert Jr., Michael (Susan), Kelly (Mario) Pardo and Judy (Julio) Munoz , and

WHEREAS, Robert G Fitzpatrick was the beloved son of the late George and Margaret Fitzpatrick, and

WHEREAS, Robert G Fitzpatrick was the fond Grandfather of Ashley (Ryan) Kalb, Albert, Kate (Mark) Heisner, Jamie (Jake) Rebus, Arley, Mario Jr., Michael Anthony, Jake, Michael Jr., Joseph, Colin and Emily, and

WHEREAS, Robert G Fitzpatrick was the great grandfather of Stella, Giada, Maximus, and Jenelle, and

WHEREAS, Robert G Fitzpatrick was the dear brother of the late Margaret, George (Millie), Edgar (Mary Jane), Dave (Mary Lou) and Pat (Joan); fond uncle of many nieces and nephews, and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Robert G Fitzpatrick was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Robert G Fitzpatrick, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Robert G Fitzpatrick that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

[20-4613](#)

Sponsored by: DEBORAH SIMS, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), FRANK J. AGUILAR, 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, LARRY SUFFREDIN and PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF DEIDRE LYNN LEE

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called Deidre Lynn Lee from our midst on October 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Deidre Lynn Abbott born on July 26, 1960 in Harvey, IL to Earlie Mae and the late Melvin Abbott; Deidre accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior at an early age under the pastorate of Reverend

Napoleon Davis at Second Baptist Church of Harvey, IL; and

WHEREAS, Deidre graduated in 1978 from Thornton Township High School in Harvey where she participated in many clubs and extracurricular activities; She continued her education at Columbia College in downtown Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Deidre met Ronnie L. Lee at their home church of St. Mark MBC Cathedral under the leadership of the late Bishop William L. Jordan; It did not take long for them to know that they were meant to be together, they dedicated their heart to each other and were united in holy matrimony in August 1997; Deidre was a loving wife and mother who never missed a beat balancing motherhood and ministry with near perfection; Deidre was devoted to her family and gave her life to raising her daughters; two biological and two by marriage, to be successful; and

WHEREAS, Deidre and her husband Bishop Ronnie L. Lee at the leading of the Lord began the ministry of Nehemiah Christian Center Ministries originally in the city of Robbins, IL in February of 2001; and

WHEREAS, Deidre served faithfully as the First Lady of Nehemiah Christian Center Ministries; The church she helped to build from the ground up; Deidre served in various roles lending her many talents in service to the Lord, as a member of the Praise Team, Administrator and then serving as Pastor of the Women's Ministry; Deidre served along with her Bishop and together with the help of the Lord to build Nehemiah Christian Center Ministries into a ministry that impacts the community of Harvey and surrounding communities and that gives Spiritual empowerment to countless people; Deidre was well loved and respected in the ministry; She was known for her heartwarming smile and for being someone who was genuine and easy to talk to; and

WHEREAS, Deidre was licensed to preach the gospel in August 2006 and was ordained as a minister of the gospel in September 2010; Deidre endeavored to understand and teach God's word effectively and accurately; She was a great teacher and preacher; and

WHEREAS, Deidre fought a good fight of faith persevering through countless medical challenges; Through her many battles with sickness Deidre never complained, never lost her smile or her faith; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Deborah Sims, Commissioner of the 5th District of Cook County Illinois do hereby offer my deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Deidre Lynn Lee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Deidre Lynn Lee in her honor and be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.