

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COOK COUNTY COMMISSION ON WOMEN'S STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH BLACK LIVES MATTER

WHEREAS, The Cook County Commission on Women's Issues was created in 1995. The Commission is composed of twenty-one women of various racial, economic, ethnic, and occupational backgrounds, including representatives of each of the seventeen Districts across Cook County, appointed by each District's County Commissioner, and four at-large commissioners, who are appointed by the President of the Cook County Board.

WHEREAS, The Commission advises the President and members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners on issues of concern to women and girls.

WHEREAS, The Commission works to elevate the status of women and girls of Cook County, improve the delivery of services to women and their families, and eliminate inequalities in laws, practices, and conditions that impact Cook County women and girls.

WHEREAS, we stand in solidarity with community members who have come together demanding justice and calling for an end to the over 400 years systemic racism and oppression. We believe and will continue to work to dismantle these inequities especially at the intersections of race and gender.

WHEREAS, we believe in elevating the names and stories of Black people whose lives were taken tragically because their lives were deemed inconsequential at the hands of the police.

WHEREAS, we believe in lifting up the names of Black women whose lives were taken at the hands of the police. Women like Breonna Taylor, a 26-year old emergency medical technician who was shot eight times while asleep, ~~in her bed by police serving a no-knock search warrant to the wrong home.~~

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Cook County Commission on Women's Issues firmly believes that Black Lives Matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Cook County Commission on Women's issues honors the lives of Breonna Taylor, Riah Milton, Dominique "Rem'Mie" Fells, Atatiana Jefferson, Charleena Chavon Lyles, Korryn Gaines, Elijah McClain, Alexia Christian, Rekia Boyd, George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Mehki James and Amaria Jones and many others who were murdered at the hands of the police.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Cook County Commission on Women's Issues also acknowledges and honors the work and leadership of the Black and Queer women founders of the #BlackLivesMatter movement, Alicia Garza, Patrice Cullors and Opal Tometi.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, recognize that lasting change begins with us therefore CCCWI will proudly continue to advocate to eliminate inequalities in laws, practices and conditions that

disproportionately affect marginalized communities throughout Cook County, especially our Black women and girls.