

**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

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**Tuesday, October 24, 2017**

**9:00 AM**

**Consent Calendar Journal of Proceedings**

**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

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**DAVID ORR  
COUNTY CLERK**

Board met pursuant to law and pursuant to Ordinance 16-4645.

### **OFFICIAL RECORD**

President Preckwinkle in the chair.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

At 9:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

### **QUORUM**

County Clerk David Orr called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Commissioners Arroyo, Boykin, Daley, Deer, Gainer, García, Goslin, Moody, Moore, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (14)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Fritchey, and Tobolski (3)

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Pursuant to Cook County Code, the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners hereby transmits Consent Calendar Resolutions for your consideration. The Consent Calendar Resolutions shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

### **17-5229 RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

### **HONORING THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW FOR RECEIVING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Counties (NACo) awarded the Cook County Board of Review its Achievement Award for the Board's Digital Appeals Processing System (DAPS); and

**WHEREAS**, the Achievement Award honors innovative, effective county government programs that enhance services for residents; and

**WHEREAS**, DAPS transformed the office from a paper-based process to a digital enterprise content management system. The system opened an online portal for constituents and created an internal digital workflow for analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, previously, the Board of Review stored more than 10 million paper pages, which was slow, inefficient and lacked transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, DAPS has created an easier process for taxpayers to file appeals, upload evidence and view results online; and

**WHEREAS**, DAPS also streamlined the Board of Review staff, allowing staff members to review and decide appeals electronically; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result, the number of appeals to the Board of Review increased 350% over the last decade; and

**WHEREAS**, after a four-year process and a 15 month implantation, DAPS was finished under budget and on time; and

**WHEREAS**, in its first year of DAPS' implementation, the Board of Review reviewed the most ever appeals, with over 476,000 people appealing; and

**WHEREAS**, DAPS has shortened the wait times for taxpayers requesting hearings; and

**WHEREAS**, DAPS has allowed the Board of Review to keep its current headcount and budget static, even with a record number of appeals; and

**WHEREAS**, awards are given in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement and many more.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million people of Cook County, Congratulates the Cook County Board of Review on the receipt of the NACO Achievement Award for Information Technology; 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 Cook County Board of Review Commissioners Larry Rogers, Jr., Michael Cabonargi and Dan Patlak as a token of this Honorable Body's appreciation.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5329  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**VETERANS DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally proclaimed 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 her citizen 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 the men and women 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 our citizens 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 one’s 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 our citizens who have answered the call to duty to 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 living 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, 2017 as Veterans Day and ask that on this day of October 11, 2017 we honor all citizens to 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.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5439  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**RECOGNIZING PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH CENTURY OF SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago is an integral part of the history of South Chicago. It is currently located at 9104 South Baltimore in Chicago, Illinois. Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago was organized in 1917, with ten (10) members and Reverend Frank Gaskin as the pastor; and

**WHEREAS**, the growth of Pilgrim required strength and faith. The church has had only six (6) pastors, each of them, having a tremendous spiritual impact on the community. Each Pastor provided structure, guidance, and leadership within the church and throughout the community. Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago has been a blessing and sanctuary for many; and

**WHEREAS**, the popularity of Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago physical building escalated because of scenes in several movies, *The Blues Brothers*, and the featuring the church in several episodes of *The Women of Brewster Place* and *The Mike and Molly Show*; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006, during the celebration of the 89th anniversary, a flameless fire ravished the physical building of the church, and scorched the spiritual building of the soul. The fire opened many doors for blessings as other churches showed love through many acts of kindness and after six (6) months, the church was fully restored; and

**WHEREAS**, Pilgrim’s growth has been phenomenal. New ministries have been formed, including the Feeding of the Hunger Program. Pilgrim’s membership was trained in God’s way for giving tithing. The congregation continues to grow with children and youth ministries being added, to enhance their spiritual growth and showcase their gifts and talents; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Corwin D. Lasenby, Sr., has been the pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago for the past four (4) years. Reverend Lasenby loves the Lord, he is focused on feeding his flock. His vision referred to as the 4 'R's is to Reach, Revive, Restore and Retain all whom the Lord sends to Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago. His ministry of 'all translates into All praying, All working, All studying; All ministering. Reverend Lasenby believes that all of God's children have a place in ministry; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013 Pastor Lasenby, Sr., his wife Tracey and family came to Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago with a willingness to serve. He began his journey here working, and building up, and replacing all things that were not operating properly and adding new elements where needed. Under his leadership all Sunday morning worship services are now live streamed via TruthCasting. The churches website is ablaze with all of the activities depicting God's will. Pastor Lasenby, Sr. preaches with power and our worship experience is enhanced by his demonstrative sermons. Sermons seem to come alive as you watch him and listen to him preach; and

**WHEREAS**, God adds to the church as he sees fit; therefore, the congregation at Pilgrim has grown to include more than 700 members. Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago's mission statement of 'Creating and Cultivating a Culture of Worship that Glorifies Jesus Christ', epitomizes the worship experience that is enjoyed at Pilgrim every Sunday by Reverend Lasenby. On September 24, 2017, Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago celebrates its' 100th year church anniversary.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County shall recognize the 100th year anniversary of Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent record of proceedings of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Reverend Corwin D. Lasenby, Sr. in recognition of this momentous occasion.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5469  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE EDWARD M. MOODY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING ARAB AMERICAN FAMILY SERVICES  
10TH ANNUAL WALK IN FAITH NOT IN FEAR**

**WHEREAS**, Arab American Family Services is a social service agency founded in 2001 providing caring, compassionate assistance to (South Suburban) Chicagoland residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Arab American Family Services offers support in a number of areas of including public benefits, immigration, domestic violence, mental health, and elderly services and sponsors outreach programs to build healthier families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Arab American Family Services strives to fulfill its mission to serve not only Arab Americans but any families, individuals, or those in need by providing them access to services; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of October is recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Arab American Family Services is fulfilling its mission in advocating for and supporting these causes by holding their 10th Annual Walk in Faith Not in Fear for Domestic Violence and Cancer on October 28, 2017.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does recognize Arab American Family Services for their leadership in their community and thanks them for hosting their 10th Annual Walk in Faith Not in Fear; 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 Arab American Family Services.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5513  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, DENNIS DEER,  
JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN,  
EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS,  
LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**JAMES P. VERROS, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called James P. Verros from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, James P. Verros was born in Nestani, Greece; and

**WHEREAS**, James P. Verros was the loving husband of Georgia for 56 years; and

**WHEREAS**, James P. Verros was the dear father of Angie (John) Spagoletti; and

**WHEREAS**, James P. Verros was the loving grandfather (papou) to Jimmy; and

**WHEREAS**, James P. Verros was the beloved son of the late Prokopi and Angeliki Verros; and

**WHEREAS**, James P. Verros was the dear brother of the late Peter (Voula), George (Irma), Dino (Georgia) and Petros (Sophia); and

**WHEREAS**, James P. Verros was the adored uncle to many nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew him will attest that James P. Verros 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 James P. Verros, 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 James P. Verros, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5588  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE EDWARD M. MOODY AND SEAN M. MORRISON,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



**HONORING CRISIS CENTER FOR SOUTH SUBURBIA DURING\  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the month of October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month which evolved from the "Day of Unity" held in October 1981 and conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence victim advocates, domestic violence service providers, domestic violence first responders, and other individuals use this month to increase awareness of the issue during this month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, which has advocated and provided services for those impacted by domestic violence since 1979, has worked tirelessly since that time to provide a safe haven for women and children forced to flee violence of their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crisis Center of South Suburbia offers an array of services and programs aimed at prevention, education, intervention, and advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crisis Center for South Suburbia fulfills the mission of Domestic Violence Awareness Month by mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crisis Center for South Suburbia is coordinating and participating in a variety of events in October in reflection of Domestic Violence Awareness Month including a Dance 4 Awareness raising money for victims and survivors of Domestic Violence on October 14, 2017.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on the behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and thanks the Crisis Center of South Suburbia for their exemplary work; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the Crisis Center for South Suburbia.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5658  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY,**

**DENNIS DEER, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA,  
GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI,  
DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF NOEL B. CUMMINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are proud to congratulate Noel B. Cummings, Village of Hodgkins President, on the occasion and celebration of his 90th birthday on October 19, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Noel B. Cummings was born in Burnsville, Mississippi, on October 19, 1927 and attended Pumpkin Center grade school and high school in Burnsville, Mississippi and North Eastern Mississippi Junior College; and

**WHEREAS**, Noel B. Cummings married the late Nelda Benick Cummings on August 25, 1945, and had two (2) children together, their son Daniel and daughter Sherry; and

**WHEREAS**, Noel B. Cummings proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II from 1945 to 1947 stationed in Germany; and

**WHEREAS**, Noel B. Cummings retired from the International Harvester Company where he was employed for 28 years as a supervisor; and

**WHEREAS**, Noel B. Cummings has been a resident of Hodgkins for the past 48 years, where he served as Village Trustee from 1975 to 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, Noel B. Cummings was elected Village President in 1980 and continues to serve in that position as a devoted public servant and member of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Noel B. Cummings has had numerous accomplishments throughout his tenure as President, such as creating the McCook-Hodgkins Enterprise Zone in 1985, annexation of 250 acres of unincorporated land resulting in the United Parcel Service creating a hub for jobs to the area, and creating a TIF district for the creation of the Quarry Shopping Center, among numerous other endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, we commend Noel B. Cummings on achieving a long and fulfilling life and enriching the lives of everyone in his community, and we wish him continued happiness and good health in the future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners extends our congratulations and best wishes to Noel B. Cummings on the occasion of his 90th birthday celebration and continued success as the President of the Village of Hodgkins; 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 Noel B. Cummings in honor of his 90th Birthday.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5669  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL: 100 YEARS OF EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN**

**WHEREAS**, in 1917, five (5) Sinsinawa Dominican sisters traveled from southwestern Wisconsin to River Forest to found a Catholic college for girls; and

**WHEREAS**, money was tight during World War I so the sisters decided to start with a high school, utilizing an existing building on the land they had purchased; and

**WHEREAS**, by 1922, the high school, called Rosary House, was a four-year school with a its first graduating class of 28; and

**WHEREAS**, Trinity High School was chartered in 1925, and the new Trinity High School opened its doors in September of 1926; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1933, Trinity was awarded a first-class rating. At a time when only 33 percent of the adult population in the U.S. had ever enrolled in high school, Trinity was sending approximately 75 percent of its students to college; and

**WHEREAS**, in December of 1941, Trinity students, now numbering 700, sold War Bonds and Stamps and were frequently recognized by the U.S. government for their impressive efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1961, ground was broken for a new addition, and by 1968 the faculty consisted of 37 sisters, 24 lay teachers, two (2) priests and a student population of 1,200; and

**WHEREAS**, with the influence of the Women's Movement in the 1970's, Trinity's curriculum grew to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing society, and this effort was rewarded with scholarships and other recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, Trinity's tradition of academic excellence continued with the introduction of the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) program inaugurated in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, Trinity anticipated the next millennium in 1998 by building a Technology Center and went on in the early 2000's to renovate the library and chapel and build a new athletic facility; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, Trinity's IB program was named one of the best in the country. By choosing to remain a single-gender school, Trinity affirms its commitment to the needs of young women, challenging and preparing them to be tomorrow's leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, November 5th, Trinity will open its Centennial Celebration with a mass and reception in the auditorium celebrated by Reverend Monsignor Velo.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the students, alumni, faculty, and staff as they celebrate the school's centennial; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a ceremonial copy of this Resolution be tendered to Trinity High School as an expression of appreciation for its educational tradition and achievements.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5782  
RESOLUTION**

**THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER,  
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY,  
STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,  
DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE RONALD MCDONALD GLOBAL DAY OF CHANGE**

**WHEREAS**, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicago and Northwest Indiana supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families throughout the Cook County metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald McDonald Houses in Cook County provide lodging, meals and support to families with children receiving treatment at local hospitals and medical centers; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald McDonald Family Rooms offer parents a place to rest and regroup inside hospitals while remaining near their child; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald McDonald House Charities strive to create a community where children and their families embrace life and healing with a sense of hope, enthusiasm, courage and joy; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016 Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicago and Northwest Indiana provided services to 1,512 children with their Care Mobile, assisted 63 scholars attending college, and their Houses and Family Rooms have supported 4,960 families during their most difficult and stressful times; and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicago and Northwest Indiana participated in the Ronald McDonald House Charities Global Day of Change on October 16, 2017, which commemorated the opening of the first Ronald McDonald House in October of 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, the Global Day of Change was an opportunity to remind customers, donors, volunteers and communities that, by dropping spare change into a donation box at a local McDonald's, they are helping countless families in their time of greatest need; and

**WHEREAS**, spare change dropped in donation boxes helped raise approximately \$28 million last year in the United States for Ronald McDonald House Charities and the families they serve.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby express their sincerest gratitude to McDonald's Corporation, their management, employees, owner-operators and volunteers for their charitable efforts and their support of families battling child illnesses throughout Cook County and congratulate them on the great success of their Global Day of Change; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be prepared for presentation to McDonald's Corporation as evidence of the esteem in which they are held by this Honorable Body and the residents of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5802  
RESOLUTION**

**THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER,  
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY,  
STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,  
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**IN "WE DON'T SERVE TEENS," AN INITIATIVE BY THE  
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, CONSTELLATION BRANDS BEER DIVISION,  
AND COOK COUNTY BEER DISTRIBUTORS AND RETAILERS**

**TO ENLIST PARENTS AND OTHER ADULTS TO FIGHT UNDERAGE DRINKING**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is home to many of the top middle schools, high schools, colleges, and universities in the United States, and during September thousands of students are beginning the fall semester with enthusiasm and great hope to advance in their studies; and

**WHEREAS**, for several years, Cook County has recognized the Federal Trade Commission's "We Don't Serve Teens" consumer education campaign as a valuable resource to raise awareness among parents, educators, and other adults that furnishing alcohol to minors is illegal and that common-sense measures can further reduce illegal underage drinking and the dangers caused by underage drinking to teens themselves and to the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) indicates that progress has continued for more than a decade in reducing underage drinking, but it remains a serious public health problem for adolescents and young adults; and

**WHEREAS**, underage drinking is illegal and persons under the age of 21 are subject to arrest, fines, and criminal records for possession of alcohol beverages or driving after consumption of a single drink; and

**WHEREAS**, a substantial proportion of college students are under the age of 21 and face significantly higher risks than their non-college peers of injury or death from assault, car crashes, and other accidents after illegally consuming alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Illinois Youth Survey clearly indicates the importance that family members can play in reducing young adolescents' access to alcohol and the associated risks of injury and the early onset of serious health problems; and

**WHEREAS**, the guidance from the National Institute on Alcohol and Alcoholism stresses the roles that parents can play in shaping young people's attitudes toward drinking by talking about the dangers of drinking, serving as positive role models in general, not making alcohol available, and communicating with their children; and

**WHEREAS**, the consequences of illegal underage drinking are often tragic, and all of these hazards are preventable with a sincere commitment of parents, guardians, and concerned citizens to remain involved in the lives of their younger family members, friends and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, We Don't Serve Teens provides concerned adults and teens with useful information on the dangers of underage drinking, the manner in which most teens procure alcohol, the costs of violating the law, and strategies to overcome peer pressure and other negative influences; and

**WHEREAS**, We Don't Serve Teens information is available at a web site established by the Federal Trade Commission, [www.dontserveteens.gov](http://www.dontserveteens.gov); and the information will be publicized by Cook County-based Constellation Brands Beer Division on billboards, digital ads, bus shelter posters, and at retailers during the month of September.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Cook County commends the Federal Trade Commission for its efforts to protect our teens and the general public and endorses the basic message: Don't serve alcohol to teens; it's unsafe, illegal, and irresponsible; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Cook County calls upon all licensed alcohol beverage retailers to actively participate in We Don't Serve Teens outreach efforts to their customers; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Cook County commends Constellation Brands Beer Division, Cook County beer distributors, and Cook County alcohol beverage retailers for their many years of sustained support for We Don't Serve Teens; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Cook County calls upon all parents, civic leaders, and other adults involved in the lives of teens to post the We Don't Serve Teens logo on their social network pages and to utilize the information available from this initiative to increase awareness of the measures they can take to further reduce underage drinking in Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5805  
RESOLUTION**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, DEBORAH SIMS,  
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER,  
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY,  
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PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the month of October is recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States about one (1) in eight (8) women (about 12%) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, an estimated 252,170 new cases of invasive breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 63,410 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, about 2,470 new cases of invasive breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed in men in 2017. A man's lifetime risk of breast cancer is about one (1) in 1,000; and

**WHEREAS**, breast cancer incidence rates in the U.S. began decreasing in the year 2000, after increasing for the previous two decades. They dropped by 7% from 2002 to 2003 alone; and

**WHEREAS**, one theory is that this decrease was partially due to the reduced use of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) by woman after the results of a large study called the Women's Health Initiative were published in 2002. These results suggested a connection between HRT and increased breast cancer risk; and

**WHEREAS**, about 40,610 women in the United States were expected to die in 2017 from breast cancer, though death rates have been decreasing since 1989, with larger decreases in women under the age of 50. These decreases are thought to be result of treatment advances, earlier detection through screening, and increased awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, for women in the United States, breast cancer death rates are higher than those for any other cancer, besides lung cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, white women are slightly more likely to develop breast cancer than African-American women. However, in women under 45, breast cancer is more common in African-American women than white women. Overall, African - American women are more likely to die of breast cancer. Asian, Hispanic, and Native-American women have a lower risk of developing and dying from breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, there are more the 3.1 million women with a history of breast cancer in the United States. This includes women currently being treated and women who have finished treatment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of more than 5.20 million residents of Cook County, do hereby take this opportunity to acknowledge Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5852  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE RICHARD R. BOYKIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER,  
JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN,  
EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON,**



**TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN  
AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HONORING  
JAHKIL JACKSON FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY WITH PROJECT I AM**

**WHEREAS**, according to the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, over 82,000 Chicagoans are homeless. 76% of people living in homeless shelters are black, 19% are white and 97% of CPS homeless students are children of color; and

**WHEREAS**, Jahkil Jackson, at the age of 8, when many children are only concerned with video games and playing with friends, felt a calling to help those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Jahkil, after helping his Aunt distribute food to the homeless, created Project I Am. Over the past 2 years Jahkil has helped thousands in need by creating and growing Project I Am; and

**WHEREAS**, Project I Am serves the Chicago homeless population by distributing "Blessing Bags." Blessing Bags contain every day essentials many in the homeless community are lacking, including wipes, socks, deodorant, hand sanitizer, granola bars, toothbrush, toothpaste, bottled water, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, Jahkil personally distributes the bags to homeless individuals throughout the city, as well as to those in need at Cornerstone Center, Franciscan House, Pacific Garden Mission, Teen Living Center and many other facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Jahkil, a now highly motivated, goal-driven 10-year-old, has donated over 1,600 Blessing Bags in 2016, and wants to donate to 5,000 persons by December 31, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Jahkil, recognizing he could help even more people by partnering with other organizations, worked with Heartland Alliance putting together bags to help with their initiative. Heartland Alliance is one of the world's leading anti-poverty organizations, working in communities throughout the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, Jahkil continues to work to make the world a better place by giving of himself, his time and his energy and help as many people as possible, and in 2016 became a member of the WE International Youth Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to recognize Jahkil Jackson on his commitment to serving those in need and his leadership with Project I Am and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Jahkil Jackson for his service to the wider community.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5855  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE RICHARD R. BOYKIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
LUIS ARROYO JR, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER,  
JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN,  
EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN  
AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HONORING  
TENA MAE LONGSTREET ON HER 99TH BIRTHDAY**

**WHEREAS**, Tena Mae Longstreet was born August 18, 1918 in Coffeerville, Mississippi to David and Willie Reed and was one of 12 children; and

**WHEREAS**, at the age of 38, Ms. Longstreet moved to Chicago where she has resided on the westside of Chicago since 1956. Throughout her lifetime, she was a farmer, factory worker, milliner (hat maker), and home healthcare aid; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Longstreet is a mother of six children, grandmother to fifteen grandchildren and great-grandmother to a host of great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Longstreet has been a devoted Christian woman all of her life and a member of the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, in Coffeerville, Mississippi and Greater Christian Fellowship M.B. in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Longstreet now spends her free time enjoying family, friends and quilting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners to recognize Tena Mae Longstreet on her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and the sincere appreciation of the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners is extended to Tena Mae Longstreet for her service to her family, neighborhood, community and church.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5861**

**RESOLUTION****Sponsored by****THE HONORABLE JESÚS G. GARCÍA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER****CONGRATULATING CHICAGO MARIACHI PROJECT (CMP) ON WINNING 1ST PLACE  
IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CATEGORY AND 3RD PLACE OVERALL AT THE 27TH  
ANNUAL MARIACHI SPECTACULAR DE ALBUQUERQUE**

**WHEREAS**, Mariachi Spectacular de Albuquerque is one of the most important and longest running mariachi conferences in the world attracting hundreds of students from throughout the United States and México; and

**WHEREAS**, this conference distinguishes itself by attracting some of the most iconic mariachi musicians as clinicians leading workshops and maintaining education as its central focus; and

**WHEREAS**, students from Chicago Mariachi Project's (CMP) prestigious Mariachi Academy returned from Albuquerque, New Mexico after having won First Place in the High School Category and Third Place Overall at the 27th Annual Mariachi Spectacular de Albuquerque; and

**WHEREAS**, CMP's winning ensemble included students from Orozco Community Academy, Kanoon Magnet School, Back of the Yards High School, Juárez Community Academy, Lincoln Park High School, Whitney Young High School, Mother Macaulay High School, Trinity High School, and UCSN; and

**WHEREAS**, category competitors included groups from Arizona, Colorado, Nevada and Texas, while the overall competition included a total of 16 groups with some from California, New York, and New Mexico as well; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to having won First Place in the High School Category and Third Place Overall, CMP's First Violin, Jaden Gray, was selected to the elite Masters Class, a distinction and high honor for aspiring musicians; and

**WHEREAS**, CMP also held performances for AARP New Mexico, who welcomed them to Albuquerque at Church Street Café; the morning news for KRQE News 13; as well as the National Anthem and Halftime Show at the Albuquerque Sol FC soccer game vs. FC Boulder; and

**WHEREAS**, Chicago Mariachi Project (CMP) is a federally designated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to elevate the Art of Mariachi and promote excellence in musicianship through education, coordination and support; and

**WHEREAS**, directing Chicago's longest running mariachi education programs, CMP continues to grow and provide quality instruction to students from Chicago public schools as well as the greater Chicagoland area and Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, CMP is a recognized leader in mariachi education in the Chicagoland area that has built a comprehensive network of resources which enables it to provide the highest quality level of programs and services through its extensive relationships locally, throughout the United States and México; and

**WHEREAS**, CMP currently runs programs in five Chicago Public Schools consisting of 4 elementary/middle schools (after school), 1 high school (in school elective and after-school), which includes two musical bridge programs, and a prestigious weekend Mariachi Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, CMP partners with nonprofits, community and arts organizations such as Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Grant Park Music Festival, Ravinia, Old Town School of Folk Music, Little Village Chamber of Commerce, Eighteenth Street Development Corporation, Frida Kahlo Community Organization and others to expand opportunities for these talented young musicians; and

**WHEREAS**, CMP was the first student mariachi ensemble from Chicago to embark on a tour in 2016 and has shared the stage with some of the most notable mariachi ensembles including the legendary Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán, Mariachi Nuevo Tecalitlán, Grammy Award winning Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano, two-time Grammy Award winning Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea among others.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulates Chicago Mariachi Project (CMP) on winning 1st place in the high school category and 3rd place overall at the 27th Annual Mariachi Spectacular De Albuquerque; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Chicago Mariachi Project (CMP) for their accomplishment and hard work.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5862  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JESÚS G. GARCÍA, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER,  
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY,  
STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,  
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CONGRATULATING RAMI NASHASHIBI ON RECEIVING THE  
MACARTHUR FOUNDATION GENIUS AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, the MacArthur Foundation Genius Award is a prestigious award given out each year in “recognition of exceptional creativity; promise for important future advances based on the recipient’s previous track record; and the potential of the award to facilitate subsequent creative work”; and

**WHEREAS**, Rami Nashashibi, founder and Executive Director of the Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN), was announced to be one of the 2017 recipient fellows; and

**WHEREAS**, Rami Nashashibi received a B.A. (1995) from DePaul University and a Ph.D. (2010) from the University of Chicago and has taught at a number of colleges and universities across the Chicagoland area, and served as a member of President Obama’s Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Rami Nashashibi’s passion for social justice was ignited when he came to Chicago in 1990 and was exposed to the inequalities underrepresented communities face on the south side of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Rami Nashashibi founded IMAN in 1997, in the Chicago Lawn neighborhood to confront the challenges of poverty and disinvestment in urban communities and build bridges across racial, religious, and socioeconomic divides; and

**WHEREAS**, Rami Nashashibi’s leadership in IMAN has served to counter xenophobic misperceptions of immigrants with a powerful example of Muslim-led community activism and to demonstrating how Islamic spiritual ideals enrich American culture; and

**WHEREAS**, Rami Nashashibi’s work in a diverse community of Latino, African-American, working class white and immigrant families of different religious backgrounds is an example of what happens when people see their commonalities rather than differences, bridging the gap between communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Rami Nashashibi’s well-deserved award comes right on time as he is celebrating 20 years of grass-roots organizing; and

**WHEREAS**, through IMAN, Rami Nashashibi has worked to help citizens returning from prison regain their footing by giving them income-based housing, job training, salaried positions and the tools to help them find their life’s purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, IMAN, which operates with a \$3.9 million annual budget, established a program that renovates vacant properties and sells them to lower-income, working residents who go through a homeownership training program; and

**WHEREAS**, IMAN has established a small community clinic that provides primary health care and behavioral health services to a largely uninsured and underinsured population in and around Marquette Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Rami Nashashibi launched the Muslim Run Corner Store Campaign, a program that aims to make fresh, healthy foods more readily available in underserved neighborhoods, develop alternative business models for food and liquor stores, and heal the racial tensions between store owners (who are often Arab immigrants) and patrons (who are predominantly black); and

**WHEREAS**, to further promote cross-cultural dialogue and celebrate wide-ranging forms of artistic expression, including hip-hop, Sufi Qawwali singing, spoken-word, and soul, IMAN produces a vibrant arts and social justice festival, Takin’ It to the Streets, that attracts an audience of thousands to the heart of Marquette Park; and

**WHEREAS**, more recently, IMAN began hosting weekly Grassroots Power Hour sessions, which offer local residents a space to discuss their needs in relation to shifting immigration and criminal justice policies with legal experts, behavioral health staff, community organizers, and one another; and

**WHEREAS**, Rami Nashashibi's practical approach to addressing social justice issues at the local level in Chicago neighborhoods has informed and inspired Muslim American civic engagement efforts in cities from Los Angeles to Atlanta, where a new chapter of IMAN recently opened; and

**WHEREAS**, Rami Nashashibi has lectured across the United States, Europe, and Asia on a range of topics related to American Muslim identity, community activism and social justice issues and is a recipient of several prestigious community service and organizing honors; and

**WHEREAS**, Rami Nashashibi and his work with IMAN have been featured in many national and international media outlets and in 2009, Chicago Public Radio selected him as one of the "Top Ten Chicago Global Visionaries"; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, the Center for American Progress profiled Rami Nashashibi as one of the "14 Faith Leaders to Watch in 2014" and he was named one of the "500 Most Influential Muslims in the World" by The Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Center in concert with Georgetown's Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, Rami Nashashibi's selection is a testament to his extraordinary vision and leadership, built upon the long legacy of transformative Muslim-led work in urban neighborhoods across America.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Rami Nashashibi on receiving the MacArthur Foundation Genius Award; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Rami Nashashibi for his accomplishments.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5890  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, RICHARD R. BOYKIN,  
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER,  
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY,**

**STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,  
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE COPERNICUS CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, the Copernicus Foundation, named after world-renowned Polish scientist and the Father of Modern Astronomy Nicolaus Copernicus, was chartered as a not-for-profit organization in July 1971 to serve the metropolitan Chicago area as a major civic, cultural, educational, recreational and entertainment resource; and

**WHEREAS**, a search began in 1977 for a permanent site to house a Polish cultural center in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, the Copernicus Foundation purchased the old Gateway Cinema building located near Milwaukee and Lawrence avenues and restored the building, converting it into the Copernicus Center; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1979, the Copernicus Foundation annually fulfills its mission for education and entertainment in another way, by sponsoring the annual "TASTE OF POLONIA FESTIVAL", the largest Polish Festival in the country visited by over 30,000 annually where festival goers familiarize themselves with many aspects of Polish customs, culture, traditions and language; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1979, the Copernicus Foundation has serviced over one and a half million patrons in the last 10 years and has underwritten and contributed support to the performing arts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Copernicus Center is used by theatrical groups, schools, symphonies, modern rock concerts, beauty pageants, fashion shows, body building tournaments, international music stars, local musicians, and even the President of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Copernicus Center has served as a beacon of hope for families across the Polish community, Chicago and all of Cook County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize Copernicus Center for its essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5900**

**RESOLUTION****Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, RICHARD R. BOYKIN,  
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER,  
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY,  
STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER,  
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING SGI YOUTHFUL SUCCESSORS DAY**

**WHEREAS**, 1,200 youth from 25 states, including Illinois and Cook County participated in the “Heartland of America: Roaring Lions of Justice and Victory” gathering in Chicago on October 15, 2017, at Hyatt McCormick Place; and

**WHEREAS**, this gathering marked the 10th anniversary of the establishment of SGI-USA’s Central Territory, and the 57th Anniversary of SGI President Daisaku Ikeda’s historic first visit to Chicago on October 9, 1960; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ikeda has worked tirelessly to instill in young people a sense of responsibility for global and social issues, with the goal of fostering future generations of youth committed to working for peace and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ikeda serves as a living example of concern, compassion and taking responsibility for humanity through his efforts as a pioneering, citizen-diplomat; as a promoter of peace and his annual submission of Peace Proposals to the United Nations; as a Buddhist scholar and author of more than 150 books; and as the founder of peace, culture and education institutions in the United States, Latin America, Europe and Japan; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ikeda’s efforts have resulted in his being the recipient of numerous acknowledgments of his peace work, including the United Nations Peace Award; the International Tolerance Award from the Simon Wiesenthal Center, and the Rosa Parks Humanitarian Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ikeda has been the recipient of more than 300 honorary degrees and honorary professorships, including from DePaul University, and more than 700 honorary citizenships from communities around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ikeda’s work has served as the inspiration and motivation for several initiatives, including the youth-created, peer education program, Victory Over Violence; a nuclear abolition campaign that gathered and presented 13 million signatures to the UN; and the collection and publication of individual wartime experiences, as a reminder of the truth of his words: “True and lasting peace will only be realized by forging life-to-life bonds of trust and friendship among the world's people. Human solidarity is built by opening our hearts to each other. This is the power of dialogue.”; and



**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ikeda's efforts also led to the international expansion of the Soka Gakkai's peace movement, which has grown to more than 12 million members in 192 countries and territories, including Cook County in the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, October 15, 2017, 1,200 youth vowed to carry forward the work of Dr. Ikeda to build a culture of peace and a society that honors and respects the equality and dignity of all humanity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, as President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby declare October 15, 2017 as SGI Youthful Successors Day.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5901  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE SOUTH HOLLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**WHEREAS**, the South Holland Historical Society has made significant contributions to the diverse communities of the Southland and to the residents of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Holland Historical Society has served the Village of South Holland and has served Cook County's Southland as a nonprofit organization created to preserve the history of South Holland; and

**WHEREAS**, the Society preserves the history of the first settlers of the 1800's and their homesteads at the annual Labor Day festival at Paarlberg Farm located at 172nd and Paxton Avenues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Society holds monthly meetings with historians and speakers from other areas spanning a wide range of topics; and

**WHEREAS**, the Society has taken major steps in building bridges across the Southland communities to include residents of many different ethnicities and races.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize the South Holland Historical Society and their essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5903  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, RICHARD R. BOYKIN,  
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER,  
BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN, EDWARD M. MOODY,  
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PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING JUST JAMMIN' WITH JANELLE AND COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, on January 11, 2011, Just Jammin' with Janelle and Company was founded and began to work with churches, health fairs, local fundraisers, schools and community organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Company has performed at various events hosted by The Village of South Holland and the South Holland Historical Society; and

**WHEREAS**, Just Jammin' regularly teaches line dancing throughout the week at Olympia Fields Park District, South Holland Community Center, and The Irwin Center in Homewood; and

**WHEREAS**, in partnership with the South Holland Historical society, and through outreach to other Southland communities, Just Jammin' has been able to promote diversity and integration in a way that inspires both adults and children; and

**WHEREAS**, Just Jammin' has made significant contributions to the African-American community and to the residents of Cook County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize Just Jammin' and its essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5904  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, DENNIS DEER,  
JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESÚS G. GARCÍA, GREGG GOSLIN,  
EDWARD M. MOODY, STANLEY MOORE, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI,  
DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**LOUIS “SONNY” SPALLA, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS,** Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Louis “Sonny” Spalla from our midst; and

**WHEREAS,** Louis “Sonny” Spalla was the beloved husband of the late Rita (nee Vittorio); and

**WHEREAS,** Louis “Sonny” Spalla was the loving father of Anthony (Cara), Therese (Francis) Degnan, Louis (Gina) and Rita Spalla (Mike LaCoco); and

**WHEREAS,** Louis “Sonny” Spalla was the beloved son of Anthony and Loretta Spalla; and

**WHEREAS,** Louis “Sonny” Spalla was the loving grandfather of Martina (Matthew) Maggiore, Anthony, Gia, and Jenna; and great grandfather of Anthony and Matthew; and

**WHEREAS,** Louis “Sonny” Spalla was the dear brother of the late Marie (the late Carmen “Rails”) Balastri, Connie (the late Sam) Argento; brother-in-law of Marie (the late Jospeh) Panozzo, Joseph “Buddy” (Jacki) DiVittorio, and the late Roseanne DiVittorio; and

**WHEREAS,** Louis “Sonny” Spalla was the fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS,** Louis “Sonny” Spalla was a loyal friend who was loved by many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, Louis “Sonny” Spalla was a proud member of St. Albert the Great Knights of Columbus Council #3935, and original member of the O.N.I.A.C..

**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 of Louis “Sonny” Spalla 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 the same be tendered to the family of Louis “Sonny” Spalla so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.

**17-5905  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, RICHARD R. BOYKIN,  
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER,  
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING BLACKS IN GREEN ON THEIR TENTH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, since 2007, Blacks in Green has worked to catalyze economic development, local land and business ownership, and ecological sustainability in black communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Blacks in Green has pioneered “Garden Oriented Development” [GOD] to ensure high quality homes and gardens, food system enterprises, and the conservation lifestyle within Great Migration Legacy communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Blacks in Green builds the capacity for local self-management in “walk-to-work, walk-to-shop, walk-to-learn, walk-to-play” villages called The Sustainable Square Mile; and

**WHEREAS**, Blacks in Green strives to improve the health and wealth of the whole community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blacks in Green organization works to change and reverse racial economic disparities; and

**WHEREAS**, Blacks in Green has made significant contributions to the African-American community and to the residents of Cook County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize Blacks in Green for their essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5906  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, RICHARD R. BOYKIN,  
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER,  
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE BLACK OAKS CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, the Black Oaks Center operates the Healthy Food Hub in Chicago and seeks to create a just, holistic and local food system to transform communities through education, entrepreneurship and access to healthy, affordable foods; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2017, the Black Oaks Center partnered with the Cook County Health and Hospitals System (CCHHS) and began hosting weekly Fresh Markets at three South Suburban Health Centers: Oak Forest, Robbins, and Cottage Grove (in Ford Heights); and

**WHEREAS**, Fresh Markets provide new opportunities for CCHHS patients and community members to obtain fresh produce in areas where full service grocery stores are scarce; and

**WHEREAS**, Fresh Markets were open this summer at Cottage Grove on Mondays, Oak Forest on Wednesdays, and at Robbins on Fridays and will continue to operate year-round at the Oak Forest Auditorium starting October 25.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize the Black Oaks Center for their essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5907  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, RICHARD R. BOYKIN,  
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER,  
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING DAISAKU IKEDA DAY**

**WHEREAS**, October 9, 2017, marked the 57th anniversary of Soka Gakkai International President Daisaku Ikeda's first visit to Cook County where he, after witnessing an act of racial injustice, re-determined at the age of 32 to devote his entire life to fighting for the recognition of the dignity, respect and equality of all people; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ikeda's experience in Cook County provided the foundation for pioneering international, citizen-diplomacy in order to promote justice, harmony and cross-cultural exchanges and dialogues with ordinary citizens, scholars, academicians, authors, artists, policymakers, and thought-leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ikeda's efforts to share through these dialogues the philosophy of value creation-the limitless potential of the human spirit to find meaning in difficulty and transform suffering into growth-has resulted in the bestowal of more than 300 honorary doctorates and professorships from institutions of higher learning worldwide, including DePaul University, and the awarding of more than 700 honorary citizenships from communities spanning the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ikeda has bolstered and expanded his efforts to build a culture of peace by writing more than 150 books, which have been translated in scores of languages; by establishing the Soka education system, including Soka University of America, and by establishing cultural and peace institutions in the United States, Latin America, Europe, and Japan;

**WHEREAS**, since 1983, Dr. Ikeda has annually submitted Peace Proposals to the United Nations that promote the embracing and appreciation of cultural differences; advocate for the protection of women and children against the ravages of war; reject the use of nuclear armaments under any circumstances, and promote dialogue as the preferred means for resolving conflicts; and

**WHEREAS**, 1,200 youth from more than 20 states, who are inspired by Dr. Ikeda to stand up for the equality, dignity and respect of all people, gathered on October 15, 2017, at Hyatt McCormick Place, to mark the 10th anniversary of SGI-USA's establishment of Central Territory at the "Heartland of America: Roaring Lions of Justice and Victory" gathering; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ikeda's efforts have resulted in the establishment of a multicultural, global peace movement comprised of more than 12 million people in 192 countries and territories, including 10,000 members of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, these youth, based on Dr. Ikeda's encouragement that "one ripple can produce countless other" ripples for peace and justice, are vowing to support and encourage other youth, and help them awaken to their limitless potential to live with undefeatable conviction, boundless courage, profound gratitude and tremendous respect for other human beings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, as President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby recognize the invaluable contributions Daisaku Ikeda has made to foster peace worldwide and to inspire the residents of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, President, hereby proclaim October 9, 2017 as Daisaku Ikeda Day.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5909  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE RENAISSANCE COLLABORATIVE**

**WHEREAS,** The Renaissance Collaborative (TRC) has made significant contributions to the African-American community and to the residents of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS,** TRC's mission is the belief that all individuals have value and, therefore, can better contribute to themselves, their families and their communities when provided with the support systems they may need; and

**WHEREAS,** TRC's goal is to promote self-sufficiency through an innovative and comprehensive network of supportive housing, employment and educational services; and

**WHEREAS,** the historic *Wabash YMCA* building has become the site of TRC's *Renaissance Apartments and Fitness for Life Center*, serving the homeless; and

**WHEREAS,** seniors in the Bronzeville community receive holistic services at the *TRC Senior Village*, so that seniors can age in a welcoming place with grace and involvement in the community; and

**WHEREAS,** The Renaissance Collaborative is honoring the memory of Cook County Commissioner Robert Steele at their 25th Anniversary Gala.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize The Renaissance Collaborative and their essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5911  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, JOHN P. DALEY,  
LUIS ARROYO JR, RICHARD R. BOYKIN, JERRY BUTLER, DENNIS DEER,  
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DEBORAH SIMS AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



**HONORING SHELLEY BANKS, COOK COUNTY AUDITOR**

**WHEREAS**, Shelly Banks, Cook County Auditor, will end her service to the residents of Cook County on November 10, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Shelly Banks served the State of Illinois as an auditor in various capacities from 1994 to 2013 including roles at the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Department of Central Management Services, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the Illinois Lottery; and

**WHEREAS**, Shelly Banks was named Auditor to Cook County in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, as Cook County Auditor, Shelly Banks has expanded the County's audit coverage and produced recommendations that have helped lead to service improvements and reduced costs across County departments; and

**WHEREAS**, as Cook County Auditor, Shelly Banks has modernized the County's Internal Audit Program and led the office to obtain the first external Quality Assessment Review with no findings in over 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, as Cook County Auditor, Shelly Banks established and implemented the Annual Countywide Risk Assessment Program for 34 Offices under the President, 9 Elected Offices and the Forest Preserve District to assess risk across 500+ County department, offices and programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby extend their thanks and gratitude to Shelly Banks for her contributions and leadership to all of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President and the Board of Commissioners of Cook County wish Shelly Banks well in all her future endeavors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Shelly Banks as a small token of appreciation for her service to Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**17-5913  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, RICHARD R. BOYKIN,  
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE BLACK UNITED FUND OF ILLINOIS, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Black United Fund of Illinois, Inc. was founded in April 8, 1985 to encourage philanthropic support and programs that address the critical needs of African-American communities statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Black United Fund of Illinois' mission is to create, support and sustain African-American social, economic, cultural and educational institutions through the enhancement of African-American philanthropy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Black United Fund of Illinois supports organizations that have demonstrated ability or potential to advance economic development in the African-American community and improve education in public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Black United Fund of Illinois preserves African-American history and advances creative work in the performing, literary and visual arts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fund also offers health and social services to the community, especially services designed to improve the quality of life for African-American families and residents of Cook County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognize the Black United Fund of Illinois, Inc. for its essential contribution to the health and viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 24th of October 2017.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, that the Consent Calendar meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on November 14, 2017, in accordance with County Board Ordinance 16-4645.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.

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