

Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Chicago, IL



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9:00 AM

Consent Calendar Meeting

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

ALMA E. ANAYA
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**KAREN A. YARBROUGH
COUNTY CLERK**

Board met pursuant to law and pursuant to Resolution 18-6705.

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 Karen A. Yarbrough called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Commissioners Anaya, Arroyo, Britton, Daley, Deer, Degnen, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Commissioners Gainer and Tobolski (2)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Pursuant to Cook County Code of Ordinances, public testimony will be permitted at regular and special meetings of the Board. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon at this time to deliver testimony germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three (3) minutes. The names of duly authorized speakers shall be published in the Post Board Action Agenda and Journal of Proceedings as prepared by the Clerk of the Board.

1. George Blake – Concerned Citizen
2. Mark F. Armstrong – Chicago Urban Fine Arts Commonwealth
3. Mark Douglas - Office of the Public Defender

CONSENT CALENDAR

**19-2081
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
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, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF CRYSTAL CARBELLOS

WHEREAS, Crystal Carbellos was a proud and dedicated employee of the Cook County Public Defender's Office for almost twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Carbellos passed away on February 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Carbellos earned her bachelor's degree from University of Minnesota and worked as a Certified Public Accountant; and

WHEREAS, she earned her Juris Doctorate from Chicago-Kent College of Law Illinois Institute of Technology in 1995 and was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1997; and

WHEREAS, as a law student Crystal Carbellos worked at the Chicago-Kent Law Offices as a clinic student defending those accused of crimes under the tutelage of Professor Richard Kling and found her calling to be the voice and a shield for the accused; and

WHEREAS, after getting her law degree, Crystal Carbellos joined the Cook County Public Defender's Office as an assistant public defender in May 1997 and dedicated herself to finding justice for her clients; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Carbellos worked in the Traffic Division, Juvenile Justice Division, and Felony Trial Division of the Cook County Public Defender's Office as an assistant public defender, before joining the special Homicide Task Force Division, where she worked for almost 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Carbellos worked tirelessly to advocate for her clients, became the voice and a shield for her clients, and was a formidable trial attorney for her clients. Her dedication to ensuring equity and justice for her clients was steadfast and her compassion unquestionable; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Carbellos maintained relationships with her former clients, was a mentor to many other assistant public defenders, and was respected by her colleagues for her leadership, advocacy, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Carbellos served her fellow assistant public defenders as the Treasurer for AFSCME, Council 31, AFL-CIO, Local 3315 for almost eight (8) years; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Carbellos was born on September 6, 1947 in Fort Dodge, Iowa to Richard F. Nektivinda and Olga M. Rubos. Crystal was an avid and loyal Minnesota Vikings and Prince fan; and

WHEREAS, Crystal Carbellos was a mother to four (4) children: Nicole (Carley), Samuel, Reuben, and Adrienne; a grandmother to eight (8) grandchildren: Jacquez, Samarah, Summer, Wynnston, Savannah, Ayden, Isabella, and Rubianna; and

WHEREAS, Crystal was loved and respected by her family, her clients, friends, and colleagues for her compassion, empathy, kindness, grace, strength, creativity, humor, positive spirit, loyalty, commitment to justice, and faith in humanity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the extraordinary life of Crystal Carbellos, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable and innumerable contributions she has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; 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 the family of Crystal Carbellos.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3321
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is celebrated annually on the last Monday of May, and is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our Nation's service; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a time for the Nation to appropriately remember and honor our American heroes; and

WHEREAS, our service men and women answered the call of duty and made the ultimate sacrifice to maintain the security of our country and the liberties we hold so dear; and

WHEREAS, our Nation is honor bound to remember those who died on distant shores defending our country and our way of life; and

WHEREAS, citizens across Cook County, the State of Illinois and the entire United States will pause to remember the sacrifices of men and women who died in service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, on this Memorial Day, as throughout the year, we pray for the families of the fallen and show our respect for the contributions these service members made to the continuation of American freedom; and

WHEREAS, our grateful Nation honors their selfless service, and we recognize a debt of honor beyond our capability to repay; and

WHEREAS, Americans must never allow ourselves to forget the contributions made by those who served and those who gave their lives to protect the freedom and democracy for our country; and

WHEREAS, it is important to show our gratitude for all our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and Merchant Mariners who died in the service of our Nation that we might continue to enjoy the liberties we so deeply cherish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize Monday, May 27th, 2019, as Memorial Day and pay tribute to those who served and those who died with a sense of honor, duty and dedication for the United States of America.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3333
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING MAY 2019 AS COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS, Cook County Board of Commissioners did, in June 1965, designate Community and Economic Development Association (CEDA) to be the Community Action Agency for suburban Cook County; and

WHEREAS, after 54 years, CEDA now serves more than 360,000 people annually in Cook County to remove the obstacles of poverty and find pathways to financial stability; and

WHEREAS, CEDA is a Community Action Agency that has made essential contributions to individuals and families across Cook County by creating economic opportunities and strengthening communities; and

WHEREAS, CEDA promotes economic stability as an essential aspect of enabling and enhancing stronger communities and stable homes; and

WHEREAS, CEDA promotes community-wide solutions to challenges throughout our cities, villages, towns, and unincorporated areas of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, CEDA delivers innovative services and supports that create greater opportunities for families and children to succeed; and

WHEREAS, CEDA as a Community Action Agency, insists on community participation and involvement ensuring that all sectors of the community have a voice and will be heard; and

WHEREAS, CEDA is part of Community Action which is a robust state and local force connecting people to life-changing services and creating pathways to prosperity in 99% of all American counties; and

WHEREAS, Community Action is celebrating 55 years of innovation, impact, and providing proven results for Americans.

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 May 2019 to be Community Action Month in recognition of the hard work and dedication of the Community and Economic Development Association (CEDA) and all Community Action Agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the Community and Economic Development Association (CEDA) as a means of communicating our appreciation.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3471
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS VETERAN (“VET”) CENTERS

WHEREAS, on June 13, 1979, Congress passed Public Law 96-22 establishing the Vet Centers within the Department of Veteran’s Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Vet Centers were initially designed to provide outreach and specialized treatment and support services to veterans of Vietnam and the Vietnam Era; and

WHEREAS, over the course of time they have evolved, and eligibility expanded in order to provide specialized services for all veterans of conflict zones and for veterans who have experienced military sexual trauma; and

WHEREAS, the Vet Centers provide a wide range of social and psychological services, including professional readjustment counseling to eligible veterans, active duty service members, including National Guard and Reserve component and their families; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has five (5) Vet Centers: Evanston, Forest Park, Chicago Orland Park and Chicago Heights; and

WHEREAS, Vet Centers are community based and part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners declares the week of June 9th through the 15th as Vet Center Recognition Week in 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 the same be presented to the five Vet Centers in Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3383
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER,
BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY,
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PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

THOMAS C. HYNES, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Thomas Hynes from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hynes was the dearly beloved husband of 55 years to Judith (Maher), and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hynes was the loving father of Cecilia (Cheever) Griffin, Thomas (Carol Jones), Daniel (Christina) and Matthew (Mari); and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hynes was the cherished grandfather of David, Clare, Matthew, Benjamin, Anna, Charlie, Liam, Finley, Trudie and Thomas Joseph "TJ"; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hynes was the dear brother of Timothy, Jack, the late Robert, and the late William Hynes; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hynes was the proud son of Irish immigrants, the late William and Kathleen Hynes (nee Dowd); and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hynes served as Democratic committeeman of the 19th Ward of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hynes was elected to the Illinois State Senate in 1970 and served as President of the Illinois Senate in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hynes was elected Cook County Assessor in 1978 and re-elected four times; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Assessor, Thomas Hynes was a strong advocate for homeowners and senior citizens and he brought much needed reforms and automation to the Assessor's Office; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hynes was known for his honesty, integrity and detailed understanding of public policy; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hynes touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Thomas Hynes 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 of Thomas Hynes 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 Thomas Hynes so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved. Commissioner Daley called for a Rising Vote. The motion carried.

19-3386

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE, 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, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Cook County Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

DOMINIC DIFRISCO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Dominic DiFrisco from our midst; and

WHEREAS Dominic DiFrisco was the dearly beloved husband of Carol (Loverde), and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco was the devoted father of Nina (Robert) Mariano; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco was the loving grandfather of Pasquale Gianni; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco was the dear brother of Carmela Soricelli and Louisa Termini; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco was the fond uncle and godfather to many; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco proudly served as President of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans where he worked to create the annual Dante Award and Filippo Mazzei Award; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco played an important role in the effort to keep the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii open in the 1990's; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco was a forceful advocate for many Italian American causes and a proud proponent of the contributions of Italian Americans in Chicago and Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Dominic DiFrisco 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 of Dominic DiFrisco 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 Dominic DiFrisco so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Proposed Resolution be deferred. The motion carried.

**19-3549
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER,
BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY,
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PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

ANN M. MARONEY, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Ann Maroney (nee Bettenhausen) from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Ann Maroney was the dearly beloved wife of the late Francis Maroney; and

WHEREAS, Ann Maroney was the devoted mother of Ann Marie (Allan) Ehrlich, Patricia (Joseph) Maroney-Kogut, and the late Kathleen Maroney; and

WHEREAS, Ann Maroney was the loving grandmother of Sean (Barbara) Ehrlich; great grandmother of Callan and Cooper; and

WHEREAS, Ann Maroney was the devoted daughter of the late Henri and Mary Bettenhausen; and

WHEREAS, Ann Maroney was the dear sister of the late Henri Louis (the late Rita) Bettenhausen; sister-in-law of the late Mary Fletchall; and

WHEREAS, Ann Maroney was the fond aunt of Michael (Sue) Bettenhausen, Richard (Karen) Fletchall, and John (Susie) Fletchall; great-aunt and nanny of many; and

WHEREAS, Ann Maroney touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Ann Maroney was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her 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 of Ann Maroney 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 Ann Maroney so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3552
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
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, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

ALBERT YUM CHIU WONG, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Albert Yum Chiu Wong from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Albert Yum Chiu Wong was the dearly beloved husband of Bernarda “Bernie” nee Lo, and

WHEREAS, Albert Yum Chiu Wong was the devoted father of Jacinta Wong; and

WHEREAS, Albert Yum Chiu Wong was the loving grandfather of Tiana Wong and Matthew Reddix; and

WHEREAS, Albert Yum Chiu Wong was the dear brother of Rosalind Young and Suzanna Wu; and

WHEREAS, Albert Yum Chiu Wong touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Albert Yum Chiu Wong 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 of Albert Yum Chiu Wong 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 Albert Yum Chiu Wong so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE BRANDON JOHNSON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

RECOGNIZING MAY 3, 2019 AS BUILD, INC DAY

WHEREAS, BUILD, began its work in 1969 as Chicago's first street gang intervention and outreach program; and

WHEREAS, BUILD'S mission is to engage at-risk youth in the schools and on the streets, so they can realize their educational and career potential and contribute to the stability, safety, and well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS, BUILD is committed to reducing violence in some of Chicago's toughest neighborhoods serving over 100,000 of Chicago's youth; and

WHEREAS, BUILD celebrates 50 years of service, we honor the hard work of the board that has supported and nurtured the organization from its inception and we honor the hard work of the staff who pour out their best into each young person every day; and

WHEREAS, BUILD looks to the future of service, innovation, building relationships, and helping to transform youth and community alike, we celebrate 50 years of incredible service”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes Friday, May 3, 2019 as BUILD, Inc Day, in honor of the organization's 50 year legacy of service and support to Chicago's children and youth.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3365
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE BRANDON JOHNSON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING PASTOR CURTIS ALLEN BRITT, SR.

WHEREAS, Pastor Curtis Allen Britt Sr. was born April 30, 1967 in Chicago Illinois. He is the youngest of five (5) children; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Britt Sr. has two (2) sons, one (1) daughter, three (3) granddaughters and one (1) grandson; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Britt Sr. worked at the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center for 20 years as a Youth Counselor; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, at the age of 13, Pastor Britt Sr. joined All Nations Pentecostal House of Prayer #2 under the leadership of the late Aquila Sprouls and continuing under the leadership of Pastor Hattie Loudon where he was a member for 27 years; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Pastor Britt Sr. established Youth Outreach Ministries, where he preached biblical truths to inner city youth while teaching basic living skills to broaden their knowledge; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 Pastor Britt Sr. was ordained as a minister of the gospel; and

WHEREAS, in April 2011 Minister Curtis Allen Britt Sr., established Restoration Outreach Ministries as Pastor; and

WHEREAS, in June 2012 Restorative Outreach Ministries partner with Chicago City Colleges youth program names S.O.A.R. for the advancement of the youth; and

WHEREAS, in January 2018, Pastor Britt Sr. became the overseer of Women Uplifting Women Outreach; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Britt continues to proclaim his life scripture as, "I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise shall continually be in my mouth." - Psalm 34.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes Pastor Curtis Allen Britt Sr., for his monumental contributions to humanity.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3603
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
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JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF VILLAGE OF RICHTON PARK TRUSTEE
JENNIFER ARTIS**

WHEREAS, Cook County joins the Village of Richton Park in mourning Trustee Jennifer Artis, who Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at the age of 72; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer served as Village Trustee of Richton Park since 2008, and has been a pillar of the Southland community for many years; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Artis coordinated community and faith-based organizations and residents to develop a regional health care system to address the fragmentation of health care in the southern suburbs for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Artis had been the Founder and Chief Executive of the Southland Health Care Forum, and in 1997 created the Crossroads Coalition, a coalition of more than 90 participants representing community, faith-based and civic organizations where she served as President; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 Trustee Artis created The Senior Provider Network, comprised of over 75 individuals representing more than 40 senior provider organizations in the southern suburbs, and in 2012 she created Southland Community Care Partners (SCCP) and served as its President as well; and

WHEREAS, she worked closely with southland organizations, legislators, Boards of Directors, including the South Suburban Mayors and Managers and the Southland Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer was a Commissioner on the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues and previously served on the Advisory Board for the South Suburban Cook County Bureau of Health Services and participated in the Cook County I/We Plan Community Assessment as well as serving on the Advisory Boards of Prairie State and Governors State University; and

WHEREAS, at the time of her passing, Trustee Artis also had affiliations as Board Member of the Prairie Land Region Leadership Board, Illinois Division, American Cancer Society, President's Advisory Council

for Prairie State College, President's Advisory Council for Governor State University, Advisory Board Directors for Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Charities, Co-founder and member of South Suburban Hispanic Leadership Council, Suburban Advisory Council Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council, Commissioner for Cook County Commission on Women's Issues, Board Member for Healthcare Consortium of Illinois, Southland Advisory Representative for Chicago Metropolitan Planning Council, Co-founder for South Suburban Senior Provider Network, and Founder for Southland Ministerial Health Network; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer's honors and awards include: 2006 Cook County 6th District Unsung Heroine Award, 2006 Village of Matteson, Illinois State Representative Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Spirit Award, 2007 Catholic Charities Bertrand Ellis Compassion In Action Award, 2008 Dr. Charles E. Gavin Community Service Spirit Award, 2010 City of Chicago Heights Dr. Martin Luther King Community Service Award, 2011 Southland Ministerial Health Network Dr. Martin Luther King Community Health Service Award, 2012 Prairie State College Michael R. Monteleone Community Service Award, 2012 Professional Women's Network Women of Excellence Award, and 2013 Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, although Jennifer was the recipient of number awards and accolades throughout her career in service to her community, the most important role to Jennifer was being a great mother, grandmother and sister; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her love of helping other, Jennifer loved shopping, fine dining, exquisite wine, spending time with her grandchildren and family; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Artis leaves behind to cherish her memory, one 1 Son, one 1 Daughter, two 2 Grandchildren, two 2 Brothers and one 1 Sister; amongst other family and friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby offers its deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and loved ones of Trustee Jennifer Artis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to the family of Trustee Jennifer Artis so that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

RESOLUTION**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY
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PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 (RETIRED) MELISSA FARMER-HILL

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 4 (Retired) Melissa Farmer-Hill is a native of Chicago, Illinois and has served in the United States Army for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, after Basic Training at Fort. Dix, New Jersey and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) in Fort Belvoir, Virginia her first duty assignment was with Army Reserve unit 477th Personnel Services Battalion as an Administrative Clerk (71L) at Fort Sheridan, Illinois from May 1987 until 1992; and

WHEREAS, following a short stint with the Personnel Services Battalion in Forest Park, Illinois, she decided to join active duty forces and from 1994 - 1995 she served with 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Red Cloud, Korea as a medical retention board clerk; and

WHEREAS, Chief Farmer was then reassigned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky home of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), where she served as line of duty and casualty Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) from 1995-1998; and

WHEREAS, her next four (4) positions would take her to Germany for five (5) years, where she served as Personnel Reassignments Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) in Baumholder from 1998-1999 then was reassigned to the 421st Medical Evacuation Battalion as S-1 NCOIC in Weisbaden, and within a few months was selected for training and appointed as a Warrant Officer; and

WHEREAS, as a Warrant Officer, Chief Farmer was the Personnel Technician for the 90th Personnel Services Battalion, Bravo Detachment in Bad Kreuznach Germany from 1999-2001, and then was selected to move to Detachment C in Kaiserlautern from 2001-2003; and

WHEREAS, Chief Farmer was reassigned to the 46th Adjutant General Battalion at Fort Knox, Kentucky as the Adjutant/S1 for two (2) years, but later rejoined the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) as the Human Resources Technician for the 501st Special Troops Battalion from 2005-2007, and in 2007 was selected as Class Instructor and Advisor for the Warrant Officer Basic and Advanced Human Resource Training Courses at the Soldier Support Institute in Fort Jackson, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, from there she went back to Fort Knox to become the Officer in Charge of the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at Fort Knox, Kentucky from 2008-2010, and in 2010 was reassigned to the Pentagon and

became the Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Army (Honorable John M. McHugh) from 2010 - 2012; and

WHEREAS, Chief Farmer's final assignment allowed her to return home to the great state of Illinois as the J-1 Special Assistant for the United States Military Entrance Processing Command, where she retired in June of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Chief Farmer's military service awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Reserve Commendation Medal and various unit, campaign and service ribbons, and has also earned the Air Assault Badge, Army Recruiter Badge and Army Staff Badge; and

WHEREAS, Chief Farmer's accomplishments also include receiving the Douglas McArthur Leadership Award Winner (Germany 2000), Deployments and Kosovo (2001) and Iraq (2005), and is the Author of Army Strong Women (2008) Army Instructor of the Year (2008) and Warrant Officer of the Year for Adjutant General Corps (2008); and

WHEREAS, in addition to her outstanding military career Chief Farmer is also a graduate of Austin Peay State University, with an Associate of Arts in General Studies, Grantham University with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Roosevelt University with a Bachelor of Arts in Event Planning and Tourism Management; and

WHEREAS, as a veteran Chief Warrant Officer 4 (R) Melissa Farmer-Hill is proud to have served her country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners proudly honors Chief Warrant Officer 4 (R) Melissa Farmer-Hill for her exceptional military career and her service to the country, the community and to Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to Chief Warrant Officer 4 (R) Melissa Farmer-Hill as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3618
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN SOUTHERN COOK
SECTION**

WHEREAS, May is Jewish American Heritage Month, an annual recognition and celebration of Jewish American achievements in and contributions to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, in light of this celebration it is important to honor the people and organizations that make many contributions in Cook County, such as National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) South Cook Section; and

WHEREAS, NCJW is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms; and

WHEREAS, the history of NCJW South Cook began in 1921 in Chicago Heights, Illinois and will be 100 years old in 2021. That year, the Jewish Ladies Aid Society of Beth Israel Synagogue joined with the National Council of Jewish Women, Chicago Heights Section with the primary purpose to provide Jewish religious education to the children of families living in the community; and

WHEREAS, the motto of NCJW South Cook is “A Faith in the Future/A Belief in Action”; and

WHEREAS, the members of NCJW are advocates, tutors, readers, art appreciation volunteers, local agency board members, actors and singers who entertain special needs populations, supporters of local emergency shelters, lunch servers, donors, event planners, and so much more; and

WHEREAS, one of the mainstay members is Gloria Lippert, who has been an active member and advocate of NCJW South Cook for many years, and was awarded a Special Volunteer Award in 1996 and again in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Gloria is the recipient of the Iris Dreyfuss Volunteer Recognition Award, which is a special award given by NCJW South Cook in memory of Iris Dreyfuss to a member, who by her service to NCJW has been a model to all, and said award is not given out every year due to the significance of the award to the South Cook Section; and

WHEREAS, Gloria was President of NCJW South Cook from 2002-04, has chaired our Garden Walk from its inception, and does the ads for our directory; and

WHEREAS, Gloria is very focused on our never forgetting how hard-won Roe V Wade was, and how important it is for this generation to not take it for granted and so Gloria doesn't go anywhere where she does not advocate for our Section and everything we stand for; and

WHEREAS, members are involved in numerous programs and projects that reflect the values of NCJW with the goal of improving the quality of life for women, children and families; and

WHEREAS, NCJW South Cook committee members include: Ellen Kaplan, Debby Pebworth, Debra Borodkin, and President Sharon Johnson; and

WHEREAS, in the past 10 years, NCJW South Cook has contributed approximately \$500,000 to over 15 social service programs that positively impact families and individuals in our community, and as a section locally support the following organizations: South Suburban Family Shelter, Respond Now, Aunt Martha's, Glenwood Academy, JUF Shalom Over 50s, Israel Granting Program, Prairie State Book Scholarships; and

WHEREAS, it is more important than ever that courageous, compassionate women find a place to come together and take action and NCJW South Cook provides that place; and

WHEREAS, some of their recent public awareness, advocacy and education campaigns include: Exodus Anti-Sex Trafficking Initiative, Voices for Reproductive Choices Campaign, Higher Ground Domestic Violence Campaign, Judicial Nominations Campaign, Plan A Campaign for Contraceptive Access, and Promote the Vote campaign; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month by highlighting the good work of NCJW South Cook.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners proudly honor National Council of Jewish Women Southern Cook Section for their steadfast service to the community, Cook County, and our Country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to Gloria Lippert and President Sharon Johnson as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

RESOLUTION

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**RESOLUTION HONORING VETERAN EUGENE TERMINI FOR HIS MILITARY SERVICE
AND VINES SENIOR HOMES' ACTIVITY DIRECTOR CATHY VADEN FOR HER
OUTSTANDING WORK**

WHEREAS, Eugene Termini proudly enlisted for the Coast Guard during World War II with his best friend at the age of 17; and

WHEREAS, he actively served with air and sea rescue in Guam, Pearl Harbor, Panama, and San Francisco on the United States Ship (USS) Key West. When he arrived in Guam, it was within a few days of the nuclear bombs being dropped on Japan; and,

WHEREAS, while in Guam he spent two (2) weeks at a time at sea on weather patrol, encountering a typhoon and narrowly escaping to safer waters. After eight (8) months, he returned to Pearl Harbor and then San Francisco. He looks favorably on his time with the Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, he was honorably discharged from active duty status in St. Louis, 1946 but never received the medals he was owed; and

WHEREAS, Eugene tried for 73 years to receive his military medals but was continuously stalled; and

WHEREAS, no military veteran should be forced to fight for the medals they have earned; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Vaden, the Activity Director at Vines Senior Homes in Elgin, stepped in to assist Eugene; and

WHEREAS, without Cathy's diligence and perseverance Eugene may never have received his medals; and

WHEREAS, finally, at age 92 and 73 years late, Eugene Termini was finally presented with his medals by American Legion Elgin Post 57 among family and friends at a patriotic celebration; and

WHEREAS, Eugene Termini received the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, a Coast Guard Honorable Discharge pin, and an Honorable Service Lapel Button.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, commend Cathy Vaden for her exemplary dedication and work ethic; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, thank Eugene Termini for his service and congratulate him on his five medals.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3573
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING THE FEDERATION OF INDIAN ASSOCIATIONS - CHICAGO

WHEREAS, the month of May is recognized as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Cook County celebrates the vast contributions made by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Federation of Indian Associations (FIA) - Chicago is a non-profit umbrella organization of other Indian Associations in the Chicago land and Mid-West representing in excess of 300,000 culturally diverse but united together Asian-Indians; and

WHEREAS, the FIA - Chicago represents and connects various issues of growing Asian-Indian community at the Local, State, and National platform within the United States of America and overseas with Indian Government; and

WHEREAS, the FIA - Chicago was founded by Sunil Shah, Neil Khot, and Onkar Singh Sangha; and

WHEREAS, FIA - Chicago celebrates various events that bring together all Asian-Indian for Indian Republic Day, Indian Independence Day, and Diwali; and

WHEREAS, FIA has member organizations throughout Cook County that contribute to the betterment of our communities and provide opportunities for residents to learn more about and celebrate Indian culture; and

WHEREAS, FIA gives back to our communities by doing outreach events including a successful toy donation drive; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's strength is in its diversity and FIA - Chicago is an example of that.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor the Federation of Indian Associations - Chicago, all of its member organizations, and contributing individuals for the outstanding work they do in Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this Resolution are presented to the Federation of Indian Associations - Chicago.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3574
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

DESIGNATING JUNE 15, 2019 COOK COUNTY TOWNSHIP DAY

WHEREAS, township government is the oldest existing unit of government in the United States, established in 1636 in Providence, Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, in 1849, the state legislature passed a law enabling counties to adopt a township government by referendum. In that same year, 24 counties voted to adopt a township government; and

WHEREAS, 85 of Illinois' 102 counties operate under the Township form of Government and the 1,431 Townships serve more than eight (8) million citizens; and

WHEREAS, townships in Cook County offer needed programs and services in the areas of Seniors, Youth, Community Health, Veterans, Mental Health Funding, Property Tax Information, Emergency Services, Unincorporated Roads; and

WHEREAS, township governments are vital resources to taxpayers with property tax assessments; and

WHEREAS, township assessors' main function is to assist residents appeal their assessments. Township assessors also accept and file property tax exemption applications, process building permits and file township assessor inquiries; and

WHEREAS, township governments work closely with Cook County officials to provide the best services for our constituents

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners, honor the work of Township government in providing vital services to the residents of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that June 15, 2019 is Cook County Township Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this Resolution are sent by the Cook County Clerk's Office to the 29 township governments in Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

19-3392

Sponsored by: PETER N. SILVESTRI, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

DOMINIC DIFRISCO, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2019, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Dominic DiFrisco from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco was the beloved husband of Carol (nee Loverde) and loving father of Nina (Robert) Mariano; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco was the proud grandfather of Pasquale Gianni and fond brother of Carmela Soricelli of New York and Louisa Termini of Texas, and uncle and godfather to many; and

WHEREAS, born to Leoluca and Antonina, immigrants from Corleone, Sicily, Dominic DiFrisco was taught the importance of community involvement at an early age; his father's involvement in many Italian-American causes left a strong impression on him and inspired him to dedicate most of his adult life to the promotion of Italian-American culture and to dispel stereotypes; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco began his career at Alitalia Airlines in New York and moved to Chicago as public relations manager for the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco later made a name for himself helping to build bridges between the public and private sectors as senior consultant at Edelman Chicago, with prominent clients including McDonald's, the State of Illinois, and the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco was the voice for countless topics important to the Italian-American community and was an early leader of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, a nonprofit organization that serves as a congress for the Chicagoland Italian-American organizations and represents the community on local, state, national, and international levels; and

WHEREAS, when the Italian-American community was at risk of losing one of its cornerstones-Our Lady of Pompeii Church-Dominic and other Little Italy community members bound together to raise money to save the church, personally petitioning the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin to allow the church to remain open; and

WHEREAS, Dominic DiFrisco was known by many as the color commentator for decades during the television broadcast of the Columbus Day Parade, displaying his encyclopedic knowledge of Chicago-Italian history; and

WHEREAS, in addition to receiving many awards from the Italian-American community, Dominic DiFrisco has been honored by the African-American and Native-American communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Dominic DiFrisco; 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 Dominic DiFrisco so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Proposed Resolution be deferred. The motion carried.

**19-3516
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE PETER N. SILVESTRI, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**HONORING SISTER MICHELLE GERMANSON ON HER RETIREMENT FROM TRINITY
HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, Sister Michelle Germanson will be celebrating her retirement from Trinity High School in River Forest on Wednesday, May 29th at the high school's Sister Michelle Germanson Athletic Center; and

WHEREAS, Trinity High School, an all-girl college preparatory high school was founded by the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, Wisconsin, and Sister Michelle Germanson has been a Sinsinawa Dominican Sister for 54 years; and

WHEREAS, Sister Michelle Germanson has ministered through education and leadership roles in Colorado and Illinois, serving as the Dean of Students at Dominican University (formerly Rosary College) before being recruited by Trinity High School; and

WHEREAS, upon assuming her role as president, Sister Michelle Germanson recognized that the challenges facing Trinity were existential to the school-with declining enrollment, flailing finances, and Fenwick High School's decision to go co-ed, which further drew from Trinity's population; and

WHEREAS, Sister Michelle was undaunted by these and other challenges. She touted the school's all-female identity as a strength and implemented block scheduling to allow for more collaborative learning, rightfully believing that her students would thrive in this environment; and

WHEREAS, Sister Michelle also reached out to alumnae, the community, and benefactors to build strong relationships; and

WHEREAS, under Sister Michelle's leadership, Trinity instituted the prestigious International Baccalaureate program. Trinity was only the second school in Illinois and the first Catholic school to implement the program. In 2017, *Newsweek* featured Trinity High School as one of the best International Baccalaureate programs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sister Michelle, in striving to ensure a well-rounded student body, also undertook projects, such as the construction of a technology center, an athletic facility, and a state-of-the-art health and fitness center; and

WHEREAS, thanks to Sister Michelle's determination and leadership, Trinity seniors enjoy one-hundred percent college acceptance, and many begin college as sophomores; and

WHEREAS, Sister Michelle says that although she is moving on, she will continue to be one of Trinity's biggest cheerleaders and avid supporters, and absolutely no one doubts this.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Sister Michelle Germanson on her retirement from Trinity High School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Sister Michelle as a token of our appreciation for her lifelong commitment to the Trinity community.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3572
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD “DICK” THOLIN

WHEREAS, Richard D. Tholin was a teacher, minister, and activist who brought his faith and his commitments to peace and justice to everything he taught or did; and

WHEREAS, Dick was born on June 28, 1928. He grew up in Downers Grove before moving with his family to Edison Park on Chicago’s northwest side. He attended Taft High School and then North Central College, graduating with a B.A. in Sociology in 1949. In 1952, he graduated from Evangelical Theological Seminary. He was ordained in the Illinois Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in 1953; and

WHEREAS, in 1951, he married Phyllis Eckardt whom he had met at North Central. In 1952, the couple moved to Diversey Parkway Evangelical United Brethren Church where Dick served as Pastor for seven years.; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, he enrolled in Union Theological Seminary where he earned a Master’s degree in World Missions and a Ph.D. in Christian Ethics. He returned to Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1963 as a professor of Church and Community. With the merger of the Evangelical Theological Seminary and Garrett Theological Seminary, he moved with his family to Evanston where he taught at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary until his retirement in 1993. The last eight years of his tenure, he served as Academic Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs; and

WHEREAS, over his years of teaching, Dick instructed hundreds of soon-to-be-pastors on the importance of understanding and engaging in the social and economic issues of the communities they would serve, both urban and rural; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Dick fought for social and racial justice, and for peace, locally, nationally, and internationally, both inside and outside the church; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, he joined a group of ministers on a trip to Jackson, Mississippi, to walk with African American students into White Methodist churches, risking arrest and solidifying his commitment to racial justice in the north; and

WHEREAS, while living in Naperville, he was one (1) of seven (7) plaintiffs who sued DuPage County for promoting racial and economic discrimination in housing, and helped Naperville become the second Chicago suburb to adopt a Fair Housing Ordinance. He worked to organize opposition to the war in

Vietnam, stood up for draft-aged young men resisting the draft, and was a leader and board chair of North Suburban Peace Initiative, now called Chicago Area Peace Action; and

WHEREAS, Dick's work with the United Methodist Church influenced numerous national and international policies and actions. In 1952, he was a delegate to the World Conference of Christian Youth in India. During his 16 years on the National Boards of Church and Society and Global Ministries, he worked with African leaders on the development of the United Methodist Church, represented the church in the successful effort to stop Nestle from undermining breastfeeding in developing countries, and helped lead an ecumenical dialogue on death and dying; and

WHEREAS, after a lifetime of civil disobedience and protest, his first arrest came at the United Methodist General Conference in 2000, while participating in a demonstration in support of LGBTQ rights and an inclusive church. He officiated at same sex unions, prior to and after the legalization of gay marriage; and

WHEREAS, Dick had a passion for Chicago history, over time developing an extensive personal collection of Chicago books and publications, which was donated to the North Central College Library in 2008. Dick played and loved basketball, tennis, and especially handball, which he continued playing with vigor into his 80's; and

WHEREAS, Dick is survived by his wife, Phyllis Eckardt Tholin; his children Kathryn Tholin (Steve Starr), Barbara Tholin, and David Tholin; and grandchildren Robin Starr Tholin and Ellis Linne Wunsch.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County commemorates the life of Richard "Dick" Tholin, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; 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 the family of Richard "Dick" Tholin.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3659
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**CONGRATULATING RONALD L. “BULLDOG” LITVIK ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, Ronald L. “Bulldog” Litviak will be retiring on May 31, 2019 after spending the last 31 years as a dedicated Cook County employee; and

WHEREAS, from 1987-1991, Ronald L. Litviak worked for the Cook County Health and Hospital Systems as a journeyman painter; and

WHEREAS, from 1991 until the day of his retirement, Ronald L. Litviak has worked for the Department of Facilities Management as a journeyman painter, as well as in an acting foreman position when needed; and

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Litviak assisted in the creation of the B.T.I. (Building Team Initiative) program at Department of Corrections. The BTI program, in conjunction with the Cook County Sheriff’s Office, allows the Department of Facilities Management trades staff to access an empty tier to make all necessary repairs, re-paint the entire tier, and perform all preventative maintenance work for that tier while it is closed; and

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Litviak has routinely volunteered his time and has been an integral component to the Rebuilding Together program since its inception. The Rebuilding Together program provides selected families in need renovations to their homes, making them safer, more secure, and accessible, if needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby wish Ronald L. Litviak well in his retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Ronald L. Litviak as an expression of our appreciation of his service to the County of Cook.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3701
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**HONORING BECKY SCHLIKERMAN FOR HER SERVICE TO COOK COUNTY AND ITS
RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, Becky Schlikerman, Press Secretary for Office of the Cook County President, will end her service to the residents of Cook County effective May 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Becky began her service to the County on October 2015 as Public Information Officer in the Bureau of Administration; and

WHEREAS, hiring Becky was seen as a great “steal” for the Office of the President; and

WHEREAS, Becky guided communications for multiple departments, including the Office of the Medical Examiner of Cook County, Departments of Environmental Control and Sustainability, Animal and Rabies Control, Transportation and Highways, and Veterans Affairs to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Becky’s exceptional work and expertise in communications led her to the position of Press Secretary for Office of the President; and

WHEREAS, Becky assumed and carried out her responsibilities to the press and public with full transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS, prior to beginning her public service, Becky was a seasoned newspaper reporter, who was known as thorough and determined in pursuit of her professional tasks; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, after graduating from Columbia College, Becky began her career as a reporter with SouthtownStar, reporting on local government, crime, courts, and education; and

WHEREAS, Becky joined the Chicago Tribune in 2010, followed by service at DNAinfo Chicago, and the Chicago Sun-Times, where she continued to report vital news to the residents of Chicago, Cook County and Illinois; and

WHEREAS, among Becky’s regular reporting assignments was, ironically, covering the Medical Examiner’s Office; and

WHEREAS, Becky was awarded the 2008 Sigma Delta Chi Award for investigative reporting and the 2014 National Association Black Journalists *Salute to Excellence* award; and

WHEREAS, beyond her service at Cook County, Becky is a certified scuba diver, who loves the beach and, as a native of Colombia, Puerto Rico and Florida, desperately yearns for warmer weather than she regularly experiences in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Becky enjoys spending time with her friends, and is eagerly anticipating being reunited with her husband, Kim Janssen, who recently relocated to the West Coast; and

WHEREAS, Becky is well-liked, admired and respected by all who know her; and

WHEREAS, Becky, her intellect, instincts and sense of humor, as well as her loyalty and passion for uplifting the residents of Cook County, will be sorely missed by current and former colleagues and friends in Cook County, and among those media representatives she has come to know both personally and professionally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do recognize Becky Schlikerman for all that she has contributed to Cook County and its residents, and wish her all the best on her future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Becky Schlikerman as a means of communicating our appreciation for her service.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3704
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, LARRY SUFFREDIN,
SCOTT R. BRITTON AND BRIDGET GAINER, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ILLINOIS BECOMING THE FIRST STATE
TO RATIFY THE 19TH AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS, Illinois had long been at the forefront of the movement to provide women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, in Illinois the first women's suffrage association was established in Earlville in LaSalle County in 1855, just seven (7) years after the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York which called for suffrage for women; and

WHEREAS, the first statewide suffrage organization, the Illinois Woman Suffrage Association was established in 1869, becoming the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association in 1891; and

WHEREAS, also in 1891, Illinois enacted a law allowing women the right to vote for elective school offices; and

WHEREAS, in 1913 Illinois enacted the Presidential Suffrage Bill which gave Illinois women the right to vote in federal and municipal elections, not otherwise restricted to men under the Illinois Constitution; and

WHEREAS, with the enactment of that law, Illinois became the first state east of the Mississippi River to give women such right to vote for President of the United States, and is credited with being a major positive influence in advancing the women's suffrage movement in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1919, the proposed 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was passed by the United States Congress and sent to the States for ratification; and

WHEREAS, 100 years ago on June 10, 1919, Illinois became the first State to ratify the 19th Amendment (one hour prior to Wisconsin);

WHEREAS, Illinois led the way for the necessary three-fourths of the States to ratify the 19th Amendment, which became part of the Constitution on August 26, 1920.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby declares June 10, 2019 to be a day to celebrate women's right to vote and the important role Illinois played in achieving that right in the United States.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3680
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING ROSE LEWIS CALVIN 65TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, Rose Lewis Calvin recently celebrated her 65th birthday surrounded by family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rose Lewis Calvin was born on May 5, 1954 in Champaign, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Rose Lewis Calvin received her formal education from Central High School graduating in 1971, later to pursue an Associate's Degree and Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Purdue University at Fort Wayne Indiana and later received a Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) from Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois; and

WHEARAS, Rose Lewis Calvin is the dedicated wife of James Calvin; and

WHEREAS, Rose is the proud mother of Tracey Lewis, Troy Lewis, and Shayla Bell; and

WHEREAS, Rose is devoted sister of David Hines, Jr, Walter Hines, Carol Mitchell, and Linda Fox; and

WHEREAS, Rose Calvin is currently employed with the Illinois Department of Public Health as a Health Facilities Surveillance Nurse; and

WHEREAS, Rose is the Ministry Leader for G.E.M.S. mentoring program for girls ages 12-18; and

WHEREAS, at 65 years young, Rose Calvin, enjoys mentoring, spending quality time with her family and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that President Preckwinkle along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating Ms. Rose Lewis Calvin on the occasion of her 65th Birthday and wishes her continued health and happiness for years to come; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is shared upon the official proceedings of this honorable body and that an official copy of the same is tendered to Ms. Rose Lewis Calvin.in honor of this auspicious occasion.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3681
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING 606 CHICAGO MIC TUESDAYS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, on November 17, 1998 The 606 Entertainment started “606 Chicago” Tuesdays. A weekly Hip Hop open mic night at the Subterranean in the heart of Wicker Park; and

WHEREAS, 606 recently celebrated 20 years of open mic Hip Hop. They celebrated 20 years in the same venue on the same night, at one of the most ever evolving neighborhoods. The night and venue have surpassed the test of time and is considered a Hip Hop staple amongst the community; and

WHEREAS, 606 Tuesdays was started because the Hip Hop Community of Chicago is all spread out and very colorful. The weekly night provided a safe neutral environment for everyone to come and showcase, represent, and do what they do without limitations or prejudice; and

WHEREAS, 606 is a place where everyone can have fun and elevate the Hip Hop Community as a whole. With one weekly event, 606 Tuesdays shattered stereotypes, achieved diversity, and provided a platform to have their talents and voices be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners along with the President Toni Preckwinkle and on behalf of the over five (5) million residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize 606 Chicago MIC Tuesdays 20th Anniversary and so wish 606 Entertainment every continued success in their future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is shared upon the official proceedings of this honorable body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to 606 Entertainment in honor of this auspicious occasion.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3652
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,**

**BILL LOWRY, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING RONALD AND NORMA JEAN HESTER CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH YEAR OF
MARRIAGE**

WHEREAS, Ronald (aka Poppo) and Norma Jean (aka Mommo) Hester are both from Chicago, IL; and

WHEREAS, Norma Jean is 72 years old with an April 4th birthday and Ronald is 71 years old with a June 9th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Norma Jean and Ronald met each other at Parker High School in Chicago during their sophomore year; and

WHEREAS, Ronald served in Vietnam and sent an engagement ring to Norma Jean from Vietnam, and following a 7-month engagement they would be married on March 15th, 1969; and

WHEREAS, after returning from Vietnam he worked at Stewart and Norma Jean was a homemaker for 20 years then went on to teach in the Winston-Salem School system; and

WHEREAS, both are graduates of Chicago State University and Central Christian University. Norma Jean has a Masters and Ronald a Doctorate; and

WHEREAS, Ronald and Norma Jean serve as Pastor and Co-Pastors of God's Way of Life in Orangeburg, South Carolina; they reside in Kernersville, North Carolina and commute four (4) hours every Sunday to pastor; and

WHEREAS, Ronald and Norma Jean have three (3) sons: Ronald Jr- 46, Jarvis-40 and Stephen-35 as well as four (4) grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, they love to travel; Norma Jean loves snow crabs and Ronald loves ribs; they love sharing the word of God and ministering to people and both are counselors; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body wishes to celebrate with Ronald and Norma Jean their 50th wedding anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners sincerely congratulate Ronald and Norma Jean Hester on their 50 years of marriage and wish them many more years to come; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to Ronald and Norman Jean Hester.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3707
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DONNA MILLER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
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PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

A RESOLUTION HONORING SPENCER LEAK, SR. AND THE NEHEMIAH PROJECT

WHEREAS, Spencer Leak, Sr. was born April 15, 1937, to pioneering Chicago mortician A.R. Leak, who opened Unity Funeral Home in Chicago in 1933 and A.R. Leak Funeral Chapels in 1938; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak and his three brothers grew up near 37th and State Streets, attended Raymond Elementary School, and graduated from Hyde Park High School in 1956 and went on to attend Wilson Junior College, and graduated from Worsham College of Mortuary Science in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak served in the United States Army and later became involved in the Civil Rights Movement; in 1964, he joined 10,000 activists led by his father and Reverend Clay Evans to protest the racially segregated Oak Woods Cemetery eventually integrating it; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak is a lifelong resident and supporter of Chicago, a second generation in the Funeral Business for Leak and Sons Funeral Homes for which he serves as Funeral Director and President, and his sons are the 3rd generation and his grandchildren are the 4th generation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak has been married for 50 years to Henrietta Leak, is the father of three (3) and grandfather of six (6); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak was a former Director of Cook County Corrections, where he worked to rehabilitate inmates and give them a start on the path to success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak has a long history as a concerned philanthropist and community activist, and provides a forum for religious, civic and political issues to be discussed every Sunday on the radio broadcast named after the book he authored entitled "It's Time Truth Speaks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leak is a recipient of a multitude of Humanitarian Awards in support of the work he has done to support families across the city and consistently donates services to families who cannot afford them; and

WHEREAS, at 82 years old, Spencer Leak, Sr. has stated, *"He does not want his legacy to be that he helped bury the young people of Chicago. He wants it to be that Spencer Leak, Sr. did something to try and save their lives"*; and

WHEREAS, responding to the great distress and reproach facing his native home, Nehemiah of the Bible was told that the walls of his city were broken down and the gates were on fire, which prompted him to take action; and

WHEREAS, just as Nehemiah in times past, Mr. Leak is prepared to lead the charge in partnership with the broader faith-based leadership to address a constant dilemma facing his beloved community, in this case gun violence and senseless deaths of our children and to restore a sense of safety to our seniors; and

WHEREAS, the Nehemiah Project is the passion of Spencer Leak Sr. and the Nehemiah Project Event will take place this Thursday May 23, 2019 at the House of Hope, 115th and the Bishop Ford Freeway; and

WHEREAS, at this event there will be a launch of a series of actions and initiatives to address the ills of our city over the coming summer months. Attendees will include faith leaders, national personalities, elected city officials, victims and families of gun violence and the keynote speaker will be Bishop Charles E. Blake Sr., Presiding Bishop, Church of God in Christ of Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, the musical lineup will feature, Fred Hammond, Kierra Sheard, Charles Jenkins, Walt Whitman and the Soul Chicago, many more local artists and the event is free to all families of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, hosting the Nehemiah Project at his own cost, the Mr. Leak is hopeful the concert will promote the coming together of Chicago against violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners proudly honor Spencer Leak Sr. for his committed service to the community, the City of Chicago and Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish much success for the upcoming Nehemiah Project Event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy be presented to Spencer Leak, Sr. as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3683
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF ZENA RAY "ZEKE" UPSHAW,
PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL PLAYER AND UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LABORATORY
SCHOOLS ALUM**

WHEREAS, Zena Ray “Zeke” Upshaw was born on May 27, 1991 on the Southside of Chicago to loving parents Zena Reynolds and Jewel Upshaw; and

WHEREAS, as a child, Zeke gravitated toward sports and at the early age of six (6) began playing organized basketball; and

WHEREAS, Zeke attended Ariel Community Academy and based on his outstanding academics was one of the selected few, to receive the “Rogers Scholars,” to attend the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools (“Lab”) under the John W. Rogers Jr. scholarship program; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 as a junior Zeke averaged 24 points, 12 rebounds and seven (7) assists, and he was named the most valuable player of the Independent School League. In addition, he is the only alum to have their jersey retired at Lab; and

WHEREAS, Zeke became the first student-athlete to graduate from Lab, alongside one of his best friends Alexis Jenkins, to receive a Division I scholarship in which they both signed to Illinois State University; and

WHEREAS, Zeke transferred for his final season of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) eligibility to play at Hofstra University, where he tied the record for most threes in a game, led the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) in scoring at 19.8 points per game and earned second-team All-CAA honors; and

WHEREAS, Zeke received his master's degree in higher education, and played basketball professionally overseas before joining the Detroit Pistons affiliate, Grand Rapids Drive, in the National Basketball Association (NBA) Development League; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2018, Zeke aided the Drive in their first ever playoff berth in a 101-99 home win over the Long Island Nets. However, in the game's final minute Zeke collapsed. No cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or automated external defibrillator (AED) was facilitated. Two (2) days later, Zeke passed away from sudden cardiac arrest at the age of 26; and

WHEREAS, above all of his tremendous accomplishments in basketball, Zeke was most known for his magnificent smile, undeniably kind soul and his unwavering love he had for his family, especially his mother; and

WHEREAS, Zeke's mother, Jewel, has now devoted her life to carry on his legacy and his personal commitment to help the youth. The Zeke Upshaw Foundation was launched in March 2019 with the mission to help spread heart health awareness and advocate for improved heart screenings for all athletes; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with Zeke's friends and family, a scholarship fund has been established in his honor at Lab known as The Zeke Upshaw, '09 Memorial Fund that will provide important financial support to talented and highly-motivated students whose financial situation might otherwise prevent them from attending Lab.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor the life and outstanding accomplishments of Zena Ray "Zeke" Upshaw; 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 be tendered to the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools and Zeke Upshaw's family as a symbol of condolence and recognition of Zeke's irrefutable dedication to the game he loved.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution

be approved. The motion carried.

**19-3686
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
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PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING DAVID A. YESPEN, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE PAUL SIMON PUBLIC
POLICY INSTITUTE, FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIL PUBLIC DISCOURSE AND
STUDENTS FROM COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIU) was founded by Senator Paul Simon upon his retirement from the United States Senate and where Senator Simon served as the first director focusing on ethical conduct in government and opportunity and fair treatment for people in America and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, more SIU Carbondale students also known as Salukis - are from Cook County than any other county or state in the United States, and more Saluki alumni reside in Cook County than any other county; and

WHEREAS, David A. Yepsen served as the Paul Simon Public Policy and longest serving director, from 2009 until 2016, where he directed programs and initiatives to encourage and inform public policy discourse in Cook County and throughout the state including public opinion polling cited by this distinguished body - and where he mentored and created opportunities for students interested in public service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yepsen came to the Paul Simon Institute after a 34-year career with the Des Moines Register with national notoriety is frequently sought for insights on presidential politics and the Iowa Caucuses; and

WHEREAS, he is a native of Jefferson, Iowa and is a graduate of the University of Iowa and holds a Master's in Public Administration degree from Drake University, and he was a fellow at the Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School, and later he was a fellow at the Institute of Politics at Harvard; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yespen is currently a Pritzker Fellow at the University of Chicago Institute of Politics, serves on the Board of Counselors for the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, on Iowa Public Television.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor David A. Yepsen for his remarkable career and service to informed civil discourse and service to students from Cook County and throughout the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to Mr. David Yepsen and the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3689
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING MICHAEL MANSON MUSICAL EDUCATOR AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE
MUSICAL ARTS INSTITUTE**

WHEREAS, Michael Manson is a graduate of Northwestern University (Bienen School of Music); and

WHEREAS, Michael Manson, the bassist musical educator, executive director and founder incorporated Musical Arts Institute in January 2010; and

WHEREAS, Michael Manson has enjoyed 35 years of career success with artists such as George Duke, Al Jareau, Kirk Whallum, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Michael was compelled to give back to his hometown Chicago, where few role models were accessible for many of our youth; and

WHEREAS, Michael has worked cohesively with co-founder and co-executive director, Lana Manson, to organize an amazing team of professional musicians and educators to provide outstanding music instruction in Chicago's underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, Michael and Lana together have more than 30 years of experience in Music Education, has established an organization to equip students to compete for college scholarships or to achieve a sustainable professional career in music. Recognizing that students within Chicago Public Schools (CPS) and other highly populated African American communities lacked access to advanced music instruction; and

WHEREAS, the Musical Arts Institute has been acknowledged as one of the top 10 rated non- for-profit organizations in Chicago by greatnonprofits.com; and

WHEREAS, the Musical Arts Institute now serves over 400 community students with the highest quality music instruction, with a staff of 16 highly qualified and certified music educators and support staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, shall honor Michael Manson for his dedication and commitment to inner city youth in the Princeton Park Community within the 4th district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is spread upon the permanent record of proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County and that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to Michael Manson in recognition of The Musical Arts Institute beacon of excellence that shines brightly in the Chicagoland area.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3705
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND**

JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**RECOGNIZING THE PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS OF DOCTOR
DORIAN S. BOYLAND**

WHEREAS, Dorian S. Boyland is a Chicago native who has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Accounting from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh; and

WHEREAS, Dorian S. Boyland received his honorary doctorate on May 18, 2019, at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh; and

WHEREAS, Dorian S. Boyland led a successful baseball career at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh being recognized as a College All-American and later inducted into the University's Hall of Fame. He would go to be drafted in the second round by the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1976. In the process, Dorian became the first African American and highest draft pick ever from Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Dorian went on to have a seven-year career in Major League Baseball playing on the Pittsburgh Pirates 1979 World Series Championship team and ending his professional baseball career with the San Francisco Giants in 1983; and

WHEREAS, after professional baseball, Dorian entered into the automotive industry where he has successfully owned and/or operated 16 dealerships in seven (7) states with a combined revenue of over four (4) billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Boyland Auto Group, led by Dorian, was ranked the 4th largest African American Automotive Group in the United States and the 78th largest Automobile Group in the nation. Today, the Boyland Auto Group employs over 400 employees in 8 dealerships in five (5) states; and

WHEREAS, Dorian S. Boyland has hired minorities and also provided business ownership and training opportunities to African American Automotive Dealers across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Dorian S. Boyland has won numerous automotive industry awards including Black Enterprise Dealer of the Year, Most Profitable Ford Dealer, Five Star by the Chrysler Corporation, Blue Oval Ford Motor Company and a President's Award Winner by American Honda; and

WHEREAS, Dorian S. Boyland actively gives back to the community and has donated over \$3 million dollars in donations and in-kind support to nonprofits such as The Support Group, Hands Across America, Lou Rawls Telethon, Black Women Breast Cancer Awareness, Jack and Jill of America, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and 100 Black Men; and

WHEREAS, Dorian S. Boyland continues to be involved in his local community in Windermere, Florida as a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and on a number of Board of Directors in the Automotive Dealers Association and youth-based nonprofits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners; does hereby honor Dorian S. Boyland for his years of leadership and commitment to the automotive industry and in the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County and an official copy be tendered to Dorian S. Boyland in recognition of this honor.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3709
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, one (1) in five (5) adults in the United States experience a mental health condition in a given year; and

WHEREAS, one (1) In 25 adults in the United States experience a serious mental illness in a given year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 46.6 million adults in the United States face the reality of managing a mental illness every day; and

WHEREAS, half of all lifetime mental health conditions begin by age 14 and 75% by age 24, but early intervention programs can help; and

WHEREAS, up to 90% of those who die by suicide have an underlying mental illness as revealed by psychological autopsy 46% of those who die by suicide have a diagnosed mental illness; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. With effective care, suicidal thoughts are treatable, and suicide is preventable; and

WHEREAS, individuals with mental health conditions face and average 11 year delay between experiencing symptoms and starting treatment; and

WHEREAS, common barriers to treatment include the cost of mental health care and insurance, prejudice and discrimination and structural barriers like transportation; and

WHEREAS, even though most people can experience relief from symptoms and support for their recovery in treatment, less than half of the adults in the United States get the help they need; and

WHEREAS, people experiencing mental health conditions often face rejection, bullying and even discrimination and stigma; and

WHEREAS, stigma is when someone or you yourself views you in a negative way because you have a mental health condition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners along with President Toni Preckwinkle and on behalf of the over 5 million residents of Cook County do hereby recognize the month of May as Mental Health Awareness month and hereby offers to provide support, educate and advocacy to individuals that are affected with mental health illness.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3746
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, 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, PETER N. SILVESTRI,
DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY AS ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of May commemorates the rich and diverse culture of Asian American Pacific Islanders, and the many contributions they have made to both Cook County, and our country as a whole; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution designating the annual celebration of Asian/Pacific Heritage Week during the first 10 days of May; in May 1990, the holiday was further expanded when Congress designated May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, the more than 300,000 Asian American residents of Cook County have contributed significantly to the development of our neighborhoods and cities; and

WHEREAS, Asian, along with Irish immigrants and African Americans among others, constructed and operated the transcontinental railroads that passed through Cook County and provided the basis for our county's economic strength as a transportation center; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is home to Asian American veterans who fought heroically for our nation through many of her conflicts in the 20th century, including Filipinos who, alongside soldiers from Maywood Illinois, survived the Bataan Death March in the Philippines during World War II, and Japanese Americans of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Teams who served our nation with the highest military honors despite being designated for internment in American concentration camps on the west coast; and

WHEREAS, Asian American immigrants have made -and continued to make- tremendous efforts in professional fields such as medicine, engineering, education, accounting and chemistry; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, both native born and naturalized immigrants, are making strides in a wider range of professional fields including government, the arts, journalism, the legal profession, athletics, international trade, higher learning and the entertainment industry; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans are among the ranks of elected and appointed officials at the local municipalities, city, county, state and national levels, and are helping to share the future of our nation and society; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Joseph Tecson, former Cook County Board Commissioner, served as the first Asian American Cook County Commissioner from 1977-1982; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans are in key positions in the news, entertainment and social media industries as co-founders of firms such as Yahoo, YouTube, Sun Microsystems; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans are a major force in various business and education sectors; and

WHEREAS, Asian American athletes, and Asian athletes in America are excelling individually and are leading national sports teams and American professional sports teams to Olympic medals and world championships; and

WHEREAS, Cook County employs the largest number and percentage of Asian Americans in any governmental workforce in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Cook County values the diversity of the Asian American community and has sought out the advice of Asian Americans in Cook County and has convened the first ever, Cook County Asian American Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Asian American Heritage Month provides Cook County and opportunity to restate its firm stand against any and all discrimination on the basis of race, creed or national origin of Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Cook is proud to recognize the leadership and contributions of Asian Pacific Americans throughout our history; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, along with the entire Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, in recognition of the contributions made to our economy and culture by Asian Pacific Americans, and in tribute to all Asian Pacific Americans who call Cook County home.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3739
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BRANDON JOHNSON,
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PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY
SUFFREDIN AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING DR. ELIZABETH KELLY
FOR HER MANY YEARS OF ACADEMIC WORK AND ACTIVISM**

WHEREAS, Dr. Elizabeth “Beth” Kelly has taught at DePaul University since 1992; and

WHEREAS, Beth Kelly is a professor of Women’s and Gender Studies and a founding member of DePaul University’s interdisciplinary program in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kelly served as Director of Women’s and Gender Studies at DePaul University for six years; and,

WHEREAS, Beth Kelly has taught no fewer than ten different courses to numerous students in her time at DePaul University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kelly has authored several major publications, including co-authoring the book *Telling Our Lives* in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Beth Kelly has been an activist for the LGBTQ community for many decades and contributed greatly to various LGBTQ organizations; and

WHEREAS, Beth Kelly was the chairperson of Mayor Richard M. Daley's Advisory Council on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues; and

WHEREAS, her role as chairperson of the Advisory Council led her to serve as an advisor to both the Commission on Human Relations for the City of Chicago and the Commission of Human Relations Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Beth Kelly helped to establish the Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) in 1978 and began her work there as office manager; and

WHEREAS, Beth Kelly was a co-founder of the Gay People's Union, the first LGBT organization on campus, at Stockton State College, with her good friends Kevin Cathcart, who went on to establish Lambda Legal, and Laurel Hester, who played a critical role in domestic partner benefits in Ocean County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, She received her master's in education from Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, She received her doctorate in political philosophy from Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kelly has inspired many students into activism and public service throughout her career; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes Dr. Elizabeth Kelly for both the academic and advocacy work she has accomplished over many years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulates Dr. Kelly on her well-deserved retirement from DePaul University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy be presented to Dr. Beth Kelly.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3740
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

CONGRATULATING SCHAUMBURG POLICE CHIEF BILL WOLF

WHEREAS, George William “Bill” Wolf was recently appointed Police Chief in Schaumburg, IL; and,

WHEREAS, Bill Wolf has nearly 30 years of law enforcement experience; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wolf’s previous positions include serving in Elgin’s police department as a patrol officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Commander, and Deputy Police Chief; and,

WHEREAS, Bill Wolf experienced numerous awards while working in Elgin; and,

WHEREAS, Bill Wolf is credited with spearheading intelligence-led policing efforts that led to a 46 year low in crime reduction; and,

WHEREAS, Bill Wolf’s many years of experience and strong safety background make him an excellent choice to fill the role of Police Chief in Schaumburg; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of the Cook County Commissioners would like to congratulate Schaumburg Police Chief Bill Wolf on his recent appointment, wish him the most success, and offer any services we can provide; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Police Chief Bill Wolf.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-3741
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE KEVIN B. MORRISON, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

HONORING THE WORK OF POLICE CHIEF JIM LAMKIN

WHEREAS, Jim Lamkin was the Schaumburg, IL Police Chief from 2013 until May 2019; and,

WHEREAS, Jim Lamkin spent 44 years dedicated to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Jim Lamkin oversaw many important changes throughout his tenure in Schaumburg, including: establishing relationships with neighborhood departments, reviewing patrol staffing and increasing efficiencies, and overseeing successful labor contract negotiations; and,

WHEREAS, Jim Lamkin was tasked with implementing recommendations that would continue to restore and enhance the police department's reputation with the community and he succeeded in that task; and,

WHEREAS, Jim Lamkin's collaborative efforts with other departments increased Schaumburg's emergency preparedness efforts and encouraged cooperation; and,

WHEREAS, Jim Lamkin's dedication and hard work led Schaumburg residents to overwhelmingly declare in a recent survey that they feel safe in their community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of the Cook County Commissioners would like to recognize retired Police Chief Jim Lamkin for his many years of dedicated work to improve the lives and safety of residents; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Jim Lamkin.

Approved and adopted this 22nd of May 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Consent Calendar meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on June 26, 2019, in accordance with County Board Resolution 18-6705.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.



KAREN A. YARBROUGH
County Clerk