

**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL



**Journal of Proceedings**

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019**

**1:00 PM**

**Consent Calendar Meeting - Honorary Resolutions**

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

ALMA E. ANAYA  
LUIS ARROYO, JR.  
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JOHN P. DALEY  
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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 1:00 P.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, Gainer, Johnson, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Sims (14)

Absent: Commissioners Moore, Suffredin and Tobolski (3)

**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.

**There were no public speakers.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**19-5858**

**RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MOLANA WARBINGTON**

**WHEREAS**, Molana Warbington was called home to be with the Lord on September 21, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Molana Warbington was born in Chicago, Illinois to Morris Jones and Dorothy Warbington on May 17, 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, Molana Warbington graduated from Austin High School in 1986 and then began working full-time in several industries. She went on to obtain a certification as a nursing assistant and served as a Nurse's Aid for over ten (10) years; and

**WHEREAS**, Molana Warbington went on to a career providing cleaning and security services for a Midwest Environmental Services Group and other leading security companies; and

**WHEREAS**, Molana Warbington was deeply rooted in her faith and took pride in being an active member of the Vineyard Christian Church in Evanston, Illinois. She was actively involved in the Single Mother's Ministry. Over the years, Molana's church became her extended family, and a second home to her; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her lifetime, Molana Warbington was known as a caring and charismatic person who was well respected by her peers; and

**WHEREAS**, Molana Warbington most significant accomplishment was the special relationship that she held with her three loving sons. She dedicated her life to ensure that her children grew up to be responsible, kind, and hard-working adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Molana Warbington is survived by her three children, Justin Darnel Warbington, Joseph Anacletus Masalu Jr., and Jacob Love Warbington; her mother Dorothy Jean Warbington and sister Lanette Marie Warbington. She also leaves behind an uncle, a host of cousins, extended family, and an abundance of friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County does hereby mourn the loss of Molana Warbington and celebrates his life and many contributions bettering the lives of 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 Molana Warbington.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-5869  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE BILL LOWRY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF MARIE THERESE RAOUL**

**WHEREAS**, Marie Therese Raoul, was born in Petit Goave, Haiti, on May 9, 1929, the daughter of Jules and Augusta Bance. She was raised with four (4) brothers in Port-au-Prince, until she emigrated to the United States as a college student, studying interior design in New York City; and

**WHEREAS**, Marie Therese Raoul married Dr. Janin J. Raoul from Port-de-Paix, Haiti on September. 24, 1960, and moved to Chicago, they eventually settled in the Hyde Park-Kenwood area and started a family. Through this union came Edwidge, a physician in Daytona Beach, Florida; Ninaj, an Immigration Advocate in Brooklyn; and Kwame, who is presently the Attorney General for the State of Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Marie Therese Raoul, was always very involved in her children's education and volunteered at the schools they attended. She taught French at the Ancona School, 4770 South. Dorchester Avenue and embroidery at the former Harvard St. George School; and

**WHEREAS**, Marie Therese Raoul developed her artistic skills, creating dynamic floral arrangements for weddings, cultural events and other special occasions. However, she never lost her unconditional love towards her family and friends as joyfully displayed at her son's wedding the day after she was released into hospice care and just five (5) days before her homecoming on July 18, 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Bill Lowry, Cook County Commissioner of the 3rd District, do hereby humbly stand in submission, and salute the life of Marie Therese Raoul; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of; and Marie Therese Raoul; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be filed within the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-5935  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 11, 2019 AS VETERANS DAY**

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the County of Cook has always honored the immeasurable wartime and peacetime contributions and sacrifices of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize November 11, 2019 as Veterans Day and ask that on this day of honor all citizens express their gratitude to our veterans; and

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

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-5990  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by  
THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF DOROTHY GREGORY**

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Gregory was called to be home with the Lord on September 17, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Gregory was born in Stuttgart, Arkansas, on April 3, 1928, to Thomas and Helen Burks-Humphrey; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Gregory graduated from Walter High School in 1946. Shortly thereafter, she met the love of her life Henry Gregory, and they got married in 1950. She was a devoted wife to Henry Gregory, and they raised two loving sons, George and Ray, until his death in 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Gregory began her career in the manufacturing industry working at Bradley Lamp Manufacturing Company for over 30 years. She would transition into the social-services sector supporting people with special needs on Chicago’s West Side and then as a business owner of Gregory and Associates, a real estate company named after her late husband; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 50 years, Dorothy Gregory was a committed resident of the 4th District in the Washington Heights neighborhood. She is considered a community leader in the fight for racial equity and justice for all African-American people in the City of Chicago and the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Gregory was instrumental with several other women in the community to form a Safe Passage Program. This program offered daily safe routes for young children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade traveling to and from William H. Ryder Math and Science Specialty School; and

**WHEREAS**, during her life, Dorothy Gregory was known as a kind, tenderhearted, and giving individual who gave to the less fortunate. She opened her home to community residents that were displaced or who sought temporary housing. She also served food to the residents in need and volunteered at William H. Ryder Math and Science Specialty School; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Gregory's faith was central to her life. She was called to the Oakdale Covenant Church and served under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Willie B. Jeminson. In 1970, Reverend Jeminson named her President of the Usher Board Committee where she faithfully served the congregation. She continued her spiritual service under the direction of Reverend Dr. D. Darrell Griffin and was loved by all in the church who met her; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Gregory enjoyed spending quality time with her family. She is survived by her sons, George Kenneth (Linda), Ray Anthony (Vicki), three (3) grandchildren, one (1) great grandchild, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents, does hereby honor and celebrate the life of Dorothy Gregory and her many contributions to bettering the lives of all residents 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 tendered to the family of Dorothy Gregory.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6141**

**Sponsored by:** STANLEY MOORE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION****HONORING THE EFFORTS OF TIMOTHY NOONAN TO RESTORE THE MONUMENT DEDICATED TO THE MOTHERS OF FALLEN SOLDIERS IN WORLD WAR I**

**WHEREAS**, Timothy Noonan is a native of the North Beverly neighborhood of Chicago's South Side; and

**WHEREAS**, Timothy Noonan graduated from Marist High School in 1981 and attended Marquette University where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past 22 years, Timothy Noonan has worked for various corporations such as Exelon, Arthur Andersen, EMC Documentation, Hewlett Packard, Sierra Systems, EMC Kazeon-Electronic Discovery, and The Sedona Conference providing knowledge and expertise in developing enterprise-wide solutions addressing matters of compliance, discovery, strategic records management, and cyber security from mobile devices to the cloud; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2012, Timothy Noonan has served as the Director of Information Governance for Autotech Corporation. In this role, Timothy has led digital forensic investigations by case planning, acquisition, examination, data analysis, presentation and disposition; and

**WHEREAS**, during a walk with his children, in the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Timothy Noonan discovered the abandoned monument dedicated to the mothers of fallen World War I soldiers. Timothy became inspired to take action, and shortly thereafter, founded The Chicago Council of Gold Star Mothers (CCGSM), a nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration and rebuilding of the memorial located in the Dan Ryan Woods; and

**WHEREAS**, Timothy Noonan hosted a community meeting at Ridge Park in May 2017 to explore ways for the monument to be restored. Based on this meeting and continuous advocacy efforts, the Forest Preserves of Cook County hosted a decommissioning ceremony at the memorial in November 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, under Timothy Noonan's leadership, CCGSM successfully restored the Gold Star Mothers monument. A rededication ceremony was hosted in November 2018, before Veteran's Day, and the 100-year anniversary of Armistice Day. During the rededication ceremony, Timothy Noonan and CCGSM were recognized for its efforts to restore the site; and

**WHEREAS**, the Beverly Area Planning Association (BAPA) named Timothy Noonan the grand marshal of the BAPA's Beverly/Morgan Park/Mt. Greenwood 2019 Memorial Day Parade. The honor of grand marshal was given to Timothy Noonan due to his tireless dedication in restoring the CCGSM in the Dan Ryan Woods.



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, does hereby recognize Timothy Noonan for his leadership in restoring the mothers of fallen World War I soldiers memorial in the Forest Preserves of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Timothy Noonan in recognition of this honor.

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

**19-6161  
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**

**RICHARD A. NAUJOKAS**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Richard Naujokas from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Naujokas was the dearly beloved husband for 51 years of Judy nee Santiago; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Naujokas was the devoted father of Angela (Daniel) Chrusciel, Patricia (fiancé James Cross), Richard A. and Frank Adam; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Naujokas was the loving papa of Olivia, Kobi, James, Matthew, Vivienne and Charlotte; and

**WHEREAS**, Richard Naujokas touched the lives of many and will be remembered by all who knew him; and

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

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6172  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF THE LEGENDARY HOUSE MUSIC DJ JESSE SAUNDERS**

**WHEREAS**, Jesse Saunders was born on March 10, 1962 in Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse Saunders took an early liking to music and started to play the piano at 5 years old. He excelled academically with a musical gift and talent for making people dance. He was selected to perform and tour in the Chicago Children's Choir at 10 years old; and

**WHEREAS**, while attending Kenwood High School, Jesse Saunders would be mentored in the art of DJing by his older stepbrother, DJ Wayne Williams. In 1977, he would become a founding member of the Chosen Few DJs and began spinning at high school dances and house parties; and

**WHEREAS**, after graduating from Kenwood High School, Jesse Saunders enrolled at the University of Southern California studying Communications and Film. After his first year in college, Jesse Saunders returned back to Chicago to become a full-time house music DJ; and

**WHEREAS**, upon his return to Chicago, Jesse Saunders began his career DJing at Chicago nightclubs such as The Playground and DaVinci Manor. He would become part of two records which debuted house music on vinyl records. In 1983, he wrote and recorded the single "Fantasy" for Mitchell Records. Later that year, Jesse Saunders founded Jes Say Records, the world's 1st house music record label and released the single "On and On," in 1984; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse Saunders, place in house music history, was further solidified by writing and producing one of the most covered and biggest-selling house records, “Love Can’t Turn Around”, which topped the charts in more than 20 countries; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1986, Jesse Saunders signed the first major label recording contract for a house music DJ with Geffen/Warren Bros. Records. During this 10-year tenure, he produced and remixed such records as De La Soul’s “Me, Myself and I”; Paula Abdul’s “Vibeology”, and Simple Pleasure’s chart-topping “Where Do We Go From Here.” Jesse Saunders went on to work for a variety of labels including JIVE Records where he worked with top selling artists such as Mr. Lee and DJ Pierre; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse Saunders capitalized on his success as a house music DJ and business owner to form the Just Say family of companies that specialized in productions in music, television, film, and even print. He has worked beside and influenced other DJs including Grammy Award winner Roger Sanchez, Marshall Jefferson, DJ Pierre, Farley “Jackmaster Funk” Williams, Steve “Silk” Hurley, and Frankie Knuckles; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse Saunders continues to promote music through the Music and Arts Society, a non-profit dedicated to the preservation and education of house and electronic dance music. He has also spoken at conferences, colleges, and universities around the world spreading his musical expertise such as the Red Bull Academy, Amsterdam Dance Event, and Winter Music Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse Saunders contributions to house and electronic dance music have been recognized by proclamations from the Mayors of Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco, and Albuquerque.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents, does hereby congratulate Jesse Saunders on a successful career as one of the originators of the house music industry and his many contributions bettering the lives of the citizens of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Jesse Saunders and his family in recognition of this honor.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6177  
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, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON,  
PETER N. SILVESTRI AND DEBORAH SIMS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**ANNETTE BUTLER, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Annette Butler, was born on September 14, 1938 to the union of Ozell and Earl Walter Smith in Chicago, Illinois. Annette Butler was the eldest of (five) 5 children born to this union; and

**WHEREAS**, Annette Butler accepted Christ at an early age and attended St. Joseph Grammar School. Mr. Smith recognized the musical blessings bestowed to his children, cultivating their musical talents through involvement with the choir at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. Annette's audiences witnessed her brilliant multifaceted gifts in both music and singing; and

**WHEREAS**, Annette Butler attended Lucy Flower High School where she received her high school diploma. Annette Butler pursued higher education after completing high school by enrolling and attending Wilson Junior College; and

**WHEREAS**, Annette Butler along with her siblings, Earl, Benny and sister Mable, formed the singing group, The Crusaders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crusaders would also include a handsome, talented young man named, Jerry Butler creating the connection which would lead to a courtship and love best described as a fairy tale; and

**WHEREAS**, Annette Butler's love continued to inspire and motivate Jerry's heart. Jerry walked more than 20 miles, sometimes twice a week to Annette's home to save bus fare. These long walks and moonlit nights created an unbreakable unity between Annette and Jerry; and

**WHEREAS** on June 21, 1959, Annette and Jerry wed in Holy Matrimony; and

**WHEREAS**, Annette Butler found peace and comfort in Buddhism in the early 1970s. Annette used her newfound peace through Buddhism to face adversity finding solace in becoming in tune with nature. Annette positively influenced several others and was instrumental in assisting many others to practice Buddhism, including her husband Jerry. However, Annette also remained close to her Christian spiritual relationship with the Lord.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Bill Lowry, Cook County Commissioner of the 3rd district, do hereby stand, and salute the phenomenal life of Annette Butler; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to the family of Annette Butler; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a copy of this Resolution be filed within the Office of Cook County Commissioner Bill Lowry 3rd District.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6195  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, JOHN P. DALEY,  
PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE, 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**

**CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILLIAM MCKINLEY AMERICAN  
LEGION POST 231**

**WHEREAS**, in 1919, the William McKinley American Legion Post 231 began its service to both local veterans and the surrounding community; and

**WHEREAS**, in its early days, the William McKinley American Legion Post 231 was known for its great camaraderie and a welcoming environment where members of all generations could gather in fellowship; and

**WHEREAS**, today the William McKinley American Legion Post 231 is a thriving, vibrant organization, looked upon as a widely respected community asset, and beneficiaries of its charitable support include many families in need throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout its proud history, the William McKinley American Legion Post 231 has held among its ranks numerous community leaders that have been active in improving the lives of veterans and the lives of residents in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the William McKinley American Legion Post 231 is proud of its many friends and members who have served our country in the armed forces, with members having fought in World War I, World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, October 20, 2019, the William McKinley American Legion Post 231 will host a celebration at Banquets at the Mayor's Mansion, A European Chalet to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the Post.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, that the Board does hereby extend its congratulations to all the members, past and present, of the William McKinley American Legion Post 231, for 100 years of outstanding service to the community, and offers its best wishes for continued success; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a ceremonial copy of same be presented to the members of the William McKinley American Legion Post 231 as a token of appreciation from a grateful community.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6231****RESOLUTION****Sponsored by****THE HONORABLE SEAN M. MORRISON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER****CONGRATULATING THE PALOS LIONS CLUB ON ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, the Lions Clubs International got its start in Chicago in 1917. As a member of the Business Circle of Chicago, Melvin Jones, championed a community service program for the business community. Mr. Jones dreamed of being responsible, in part, for making the world a better place in which to live; and

**WHEREAS**, Lions Club International adopted the motto: “We Serve” and at the request of Helen Keller, they focused on eliminating blindness and helping individuals with vision problems. Within 30 years, a total of 8055 clubs and a total of 402,000 members in 28 countries had joined the Lions’ efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1949, local businessmen in the Palos area chartered the Palos Lions Club, sponsored by the Oak Lawn Lions Club. Since the Palos Lions Club’s origin, its services have been dedicated primarily to the visually handicapped, however, continually expanding into other areas of need in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palos Lions Club Charitable Giving Program supports traditional beneficiaries which include Camp Lions, Chicago Comets, The Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind, Leader Dogs and The Lions of Illinois Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palos Lions Club Charitable Giving Program also supports local beneficiaries which include The Center, Together We Cope, Crisis Center, Twisted Sisters, Swaddle, Trinity Services and Special Olympics; and

**WHEREAS**, during the Christmas Season, the Palos Lions Club distributes over 50 Jewel grocery store gift cards in the amount of \$100.00 dollars to needy families in the Palos area, and every year the Palos Lions Club offers a \$1,000-dollar scholarship to be awarded to students from each of the three high schools in the Palos area; and

**WHEREAS**, to accomplish their financial goals, the Palos Lions Club holds major fundraising activities which include Candy Day, Christmas Tree Sales, Monthly Raffle and Bears Football Night, and members can also be found volunteering their time at local public events cooking grilled corn on the cob where all proceeds are put into the Palos Lions’ charitable programs; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of their 70th Anniversary Celebration, the Palos Lions will host a “First Responders Appreciation Night” Dinner on October 16, 2019 which will honor the service of local police and fire first responders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palos Lions Club is proud to honor Detective John Parnitzke from the Palos Heights Police Department, Fire Fighter/Paramedic Thomas O'Connor of the Palos Fire Protection District, Detective Diana Campbell of the Palos Park Police Department, Lieutenant John Roe III of the North Palos Fire Protection District, Officer Ahmad Sows of the Palos Hills Police Department, Officer James Cha of the Palos Hills Police Department, and Units #6422 and #6402 of the Palos Heights Fire Protection District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the founders, members and supporters of the Palos Lions Club on their 70th Anniversary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Palos Lions Club in honor of its noble work and remarkable impact in their community.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6249  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

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



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

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

**WHEREAS**, starting in 2011, the Philippine American Cultural Foundation (PACF) has organized a variety of events to celebrate FAHM every October and to promote the various events in celebration of FAHM; and

**WHEREAS**, Filipino Americans are now the second most populous Asian group in the United States; and

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

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize October as Filipino American History Month and wish to celebrate the extraordinary ways Filipino Americans have contributed to our County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the Philippine American Cultural Foundation and the Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago, and Filipino American National Historical Society Greater Chicago Chapter in recognition of their unwavering dedication to promote and celebrate Filipino American History Month.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6272  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by  
THE HONORABLE SCOTT BRITTON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING DEBBIE SMART,  
RECIPIENT OF THE 2019 ILLINOIS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR AWARD, FOR HER COMMUNITY SERVICE TO  
RESIDENTS OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS**

**WHEREAS**, Debbie Smart is the recipient of the 2019 Illinois Library Association (ILA) Trustee of the Year Award, an annual recognition to a public library trustee for achievement, leadership and service to libraries. And

**WHEREAS**, Debbie Smart has served as a member of the Library Board of Trustees of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library since 2011, including as board president and treasurer; and

**WHEREAS**, Debbie Smart spearheaded the strategic planning process and search for a new executive director; and

**WHEREAS**, Debbie Smart inspired the development of a new “makerspace” building to promote STEAM education and entrepreneurship that will include 3-D printers, laser cutters and vinyl cutters, as well as a small business incubator space and commercial kitchen; and

**WHEREAS**, Debbie Smart supported the creation of the nonprofit Arlington Heights Memorial Library Foundation to enhance the capacity of the library to support new programming; and

**WHEREAS**, Debbie Smart volunteers for numerous community organizations including the Rotary Club of Arlington Heights, Arlington Heights Historical Society, Questers, Kappa Delta Sorority, Arlington Heights Art Commission, St. John UCC Church, the Chamber of Commerce and as chair of an independent task force that studied the Metropolis Performing Arts Theatre; and

**WHEREAS**, Debbie Smart, in 2014, received a Hearts of Gold award from Arlington Heights for her volunteer service making a difference in the lives of others and enriching the quality of life for residents through her generous contributions and acts of kindness; and

**WHEREAS**, Debbie Smart is a member of the Program and Awards Committee for the United for Libraries division of the American Library Association (ALA), and presented a program on financial stewardship at the 2019 national ALA conference; and

**WHEREAS**, Debbie Smart is a vocal champion of her library, and every library, as the place that brings the community together; and

**WHEREAS**, Debbie Smart is a 28-year Arlington Heights resident, living, working and serving the community she calls home.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Scott Britton, Cook County Commissioner of the 14th District, and the entirety of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor Debbie Smart, congratulate her on the 2019 Illinois Library Association Trustee of Year Award and praise her legacy of service in District 14 and all of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the text of this Resolution be spread across the Journal of Proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy hereof be presented to Debbie Smart.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6276  
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**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING COUNTYCARE FOR BEING NAMED A TOP  
MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PLAN IN ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS**, the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) released their 2019-2020 Health Insurance Plan Ratings, ranking Cook County Health's (CCH) CountyCare, the system's Medicaid managed care plan, as one of the top-rated Medicaid Managed Care Plans in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, overall CountyCare tied for the top rating in Illinois, with a score of 3.5, and scored the highest in the State for preventive care and treatment, and tied for second for consumer experience; and

**WHEREAS**, CountyCare is the largest Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) in Cook County with 320,000 members; and

**WHEREAS**, CountyCare covers prescription drugs, primary and specialty care, laboratory and X-ray services, mammograms, mental health treatment, transportation to medical appointments, and other services; and

**WHEREAS**, CountyCare has one of the largest networks with more than 4,500 care providers, 15,000 specialists and over 50 hospitals throughout Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, CountyCare emphasizes provider-based care coordination designed to improve health outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, this recognition is a testament to the leadership of CountyCare and its partner Evolent Health as well as the whole CountyCare team; and

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body wishes to recognize and commend the CountyCare team on a job well done, and looks forward to more great outcomes in the future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate CountyCare for their NCQA score as one of the top MCO's in the State of Illinois; 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 Cook County Health and Hospitals System Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Jay Shannon and CountyCare CEO James Kiamos as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6302  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE LIFE OF TOMASA CASIANO**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called Tomasa Casiano from our midst on September 14, 2019 at the age of 50; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomasa Casiano was born in San Simón de Guerrero, Estado de México, México on March 7, 1969 to Roberto Casiano Popoca and Celia Ramírez de Paz; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomasa Casiano arrived to Chicago in 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomasa Casiano was a tireless activist and leader who always strived to improve the lives of those around her, and advocate for working-class families; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, Tomasa Casiano approached ARISE Chicago regarding the lack of dignity and respect her and 60 other co-workers experienced in her workplace; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2012, ARISE Chicago approached the Chicago and Midwest Regional Joint Board (CMRJB), Workers United about organizing the group into a bargaining unit, given that CMRJB Workers United has a long history of representing immigrant garment workers dating back to 1910; and

**WHEREAS**, a petition for a union election was filed with National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), and a NLRB election was held; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomasa Casiano organized her co-workers in the shop and worked tirelessly to make sure they attended the union meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomasa Casiano never missed a day at the gates, which opened at 3:00 a.m., to hand out leaflets during the union election; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomasa Casiano was recognized as a true union leader because of her commitment to workplace justice and for union recognition. This ultimately won her the respect of her union brothers and sisters, and the respect of the company; and

**WHEREAS**, through her dedication and hard work, they won the union election; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, Tomasa Casiano served in the Union's bargaining committee and was a key leader in their first contract campaign, which lead to a successful Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomasa Casiano was elected Union Steward and President of Local 1976 in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomasa Casiano was elected and served as Executive Board Member to the Chicago and Midwest Regional Joint Board of Workers United/SEIU; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomasa Casiano served as delegate to the 2017 Workers United International Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomasa Casiano served as part of the bargaining committee for contract renewal contract negotiations with the company she worked for; and

**WHEREAS**, her love of service and community extended from organizing, she also volunteered in elections and mentored others; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomasa Casiano is survived by her husband Marcial Ramírez and five siblings: Celia, Urbano, Irma, Estela and Roberto, and her loving nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS**, Tomasa Casiano and her legacy will continue to be felt for generations to come. She leaves not only a family that grieves her but a community that was impacted by her contribution and convictions.

**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, colleagues, and many friends of Tomasa Casiano, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Tomasa Casiano so that her memory may be honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6306  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE ALMA E ANAYA AND BRIDGET GAINER, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**CONGRATULATING CENTRO ROMERO ON ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Centro Romero is a community-based, non-for-profit organization that serves the communities of Edgewater, Rogers Park, and Uptown on the northeast side of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro Romero was founded in 1984 by Daysi J. Funes and Jose Manuel Ventura to meet the needs of the rapidly increasing Latino immigrant and refugee populations; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro Romero was named in honor of Archbishop Oscar Romero, a Salvadoran Roman Catholic cleric who was killed while celebrating Mass in San Salvador in 1980 for his outspoken defense of human rights of his native Salvadorans during its long civil war; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Centro Romero is to empower those with the fewest options in the immigrant and refugee community by developing and strengthening the family unit, fostering community leadership and providing quality social and adjustment services; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, Centro Romero's staff, with the help of 408 volunteers, provided 11,983 service hours, and empowered 13,695 people; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro Romero's Family Services Program is comprised of services that promote the development of healthy families and together serve 8,991 individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro Romero's Youth Program, 69 children between the ages of 6 through 13 attend an intensive age specific after-school project that includes academic support, tutoring, recreational activities, and field trips to museums, and 23 older youth attend the BRAVE program, a violence prevention initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, 1,050 youth ages 8 to 17 participate in organized summer street activities, and 790 children and adults attend special events such as monthly educational workshops; and

**WHEREAS**, the Domestic Violence Project serves 131 women with individual counseling and group support, including 14 by means of court advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, a total of 1,727 family members benefited from accessing public benefits programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro Romero helps provide training on the importance of preventive health care measures and the availability of health care services through outreach activities: organizing community education projects, seminars, workshops, and health fairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Centro Romero also has a New Americans Initiative which helps 479 immigrants eligible for citizenship, and the Community Navigators Program educated 3,047 immigrants about their rights, and

**WHEREAS**, Centro Romero's Legal Services Program served 2,881 clients with immigration and naturalization issues, helping them become Legal Permanent Residents, citizens and processed renewal applications for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); and

**WHEREAS**, Centro Romero's work in the Adult Education Program helps adults with English as a Second Language (ESL), General Educational Development (GED), citizenship preparation classes and vocational training for a healthcare career, as well as one-to-one tutoring in a volunteer literacy program, and job-readiness training.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Centro Romero on its 35th Anniversary.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Centro Romero in honor of its outstanding community work and may continue servicing the community.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6322  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**COOK COUNTY WOMEN'S CAUCUS HONORING BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR  
MELISSA BORATYN, BRIGHT PINK AND RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS  
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, more than 268,000 women and approximately 2,600 men are diagnosed with breast cancer annually; and

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

**WHEREAS**, a woman's risk of breast cancer nearly doubles if she has a first-degree relative (mother, sister, daughter) who has been diagnosed with breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, Melissa Boratyn, a Chicago resident who was diagnosed with Breast cancer at age 23 and now, eight (8) years later continues her battle with metastatic breast cancer; and



**WHEREAS**, Melissa Boratyn met her husband Jimmy Boratyn while undergraduates at Loyola University Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Melissa Boratyn and her husband and directing partner Jimmy Boratyn produced “Ginger the Movie” as a graduate school thesis project at DePaul University in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, at its premier in September 2018 “Ginger” won “Best in Fest” at the 10th Annual Ladies Film Festival in Beverly Hills, California; and

**WHEREAS**, “Ginger” was also awarded the “World Humanitarian Award” at the Queens Film Festival in New York; and

**WHEREAS**, after one year of winning countless additional film festival awards, “Ginger” will be released to the public to achieve its intended goal of “Helping others”; and

**WHEREAS**, another champion in the fight against breast cancer is Bright Pink, founded by Lindsay Avner, who at the age of 23, became the youngest woman in the country to undergo a risk-reducing double mastectomy; having lost her grandmother and great-grandmother to breast cancer before she was born, and watching her mother fight both breast and ovarian cancer when she was only 12; and

**WHEREAS**, Lindsay felt a compelling responsibility to create a warm and welcoming community that provided the education and support she had been seeking, and in 2007, Lindsay started Bright Pink, which quickly became a standout organization in the breast and ovarian health landscape, impacting and saving thousands of lives each day; and

**WHEREAS**, Bright Pink is the only national non-profit focused on the prevention and early detection of breast and ovarian cancer in young women; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County Board of Commissioners wishes to honor breast cancer patients, survivors and their families, recognizing the courage and strength of the over 3.4 million Americans who are battling this terrible disease and remembers loved ones whose lives have been affected by breast cancer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 2019 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners Women’s Caucus proudly honors Melissa Boratyn in recognition of her outstanding efforts to help all people battling breast cancer; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the movie “Ginger” be recognized during National Breast Cancer Awareness month in October 2019, encouraging all private and public entities to foster and advocate awareness of breast cancer in young women; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Bright Pink be recognized during National Breast Cancer Awareness month for helping to save lives from breast and ovarian cancer by empowering women to know their risk and manage their health proactively; 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 Melissa Boratyn and to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bright Pink, Katie Thiede as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6325  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF TAURINO BRITO**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Taurino Brito from our midst on September 25, 2019 at the age of 90; and

**WHEREAS**, Taurino Brito, was born in Guerrero, México on August 11, 1929; and

**WHEREAS**, Taurino Brito, came to this country as a beneficiary of the Bracero Program with the goal of providing for his family; and

**WHEREAS**, Taurino Brito, a longtime resident of Pilsen neighborhood on Chicago's Southwest side, was a kind presence in the lives of many residents throughout their childhood and adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 25 years, despite climate or season, Taurino Brito walked the streets of Pilsen selling churros and popsicles; and

**WHEREAS**, Taurino Brito, was recognized for being a remarkably giving person. In one instance, he donated a plot of land he owned in México for a medical clinic; and

**WHEREAS**, Taurino Brito, worked tirelessly to ensure that his children and grandchildren had the financial support to succeed in postsecondary institutions, which including DePaul University, DeVry University, Dominican University, Georgetown University, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), and Harvard University; and

**WHEREAS**, Taurino Brito was survived by his beloved wife, Maria Soletto Brito, his nine (9) children, 26 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Taurino Brito's legacy will continue to be felt for generations to come. He leaves not only a family that grieves him but a community that was impacted by his contributions and convictions.

**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 and many friends of Taurino Brito, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Taurino Brito so that his memory may be honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6328  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CONGRATULATING DREAMER AND ALLIES RUN (DAR)**

**WHEREAS**, Back of the Yards residents and local leaders, guided by the vision of Hugo Dominguez and the support of Holy Cross/IHM Parish, founded Dreamers and Allies Run (DAR) in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, DAR is an all-volunteer scholarship fundraising effort whose purpose is to raise funds to assist undocumented college students from the Back of the Yards and surrounding communities as they pursue higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, when DAR was created, undocumented students in the County of Cook were not eligible for local, state, or federal financial aid for college; and

**WHEREAS**, undocumented students' inability to pay for college tuition and expenses was and continues to be a near unsurmountable barrier to accessing post-secondary education opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, DAR was created to address the impact of unjust, unreasonable, and unconscionable financial aid laws, regulations, and policies for undocumented students - students who many times do not know any other country but the United States and were raised in our American educational system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Back of the Yards has a rich tradition of supporting, encouraging, and accompanying youth in their education, particularly through college scholarships; and

**WHEREAS**, guided by that rich tradition, DAR set up a system by which it raises funds for its scholarship through the Chicago Marathon and other organized runs; and

**WHEREAS**, DAR invites community members to join Team DAR, fundraise, and represent Team DAR at runs; and

**WHEREAS**, DAR awards 100% of the proceeds of the donations to the DAR scholarship recipients; and

**WHEREAS**, DAR has raised \$100,000.00 in college scholarships since 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, while there have been efforts to assist undocumented students on the state and city levels, DAR is committed to continuing its scholarship fundraising efforts until undocumented students are offered the same opportunities to access college state and federal financial aid as other college students; and

**WHEREAS**, DAR volunteers Hugo Domínguez, Edy Domínguez, Fredy Domínguez, Marciano Domínguez, Adriana Velázquez, Quintiliano Rios, Mayra Hernandez, and José Alonso have provided countless hours of selfless service and leadership to the DAR effort; and

**WHEREAS**, the DAR effort is a successful, innovative, and exceptional model of people directly impacted by an issue and their allies organizing and coming together to find a solution to a challenge that negatively impacts them and their community; and

**WHEREAS**, DAR, its runners, and donors have played a vital and meaningful role in the lives of undocumented students from the Back of the Yards and surrounding communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the volunteers and supporters of Dreamer and Allies Run on its accomplishments; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Dreamer and Allies Run in honor of its outstanding achievements.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6329  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by  
THE HONORABLE ALMA E. ANAYA, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CONGRATULATING PROYECTO DE ACCIÓN DE LOS SUBURBIOS DEL OESTE (PASO)  
ON ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, *Proyecto De Acción De Los Suburbios Del Oeste* (PASO) is grassroots, community-based social justice organization in the West Cook Suburbs that builds strong communities through intersectional organizing, leadership development, education and civic engagement so people can live and thrive, regardless of race, immigration status, gender, sexual orientation or socioeconomic level; and

**WHEREAS**, PASO was founded in 2009 by local youth and community members who identified the lack of local entities in the West Cook suburbs that focused on leadership development and community empowerment for the growing, but underrepresented Latinx community; and

**WHEREAS**, PASO works with youth, families, and communities impacted by poverty and structural racism. With deep roots in the area, PASO plays a key role in prominent local, regional, and national issues due to its strong reputation and community presence; and

**WHEREAS**, PASO works to respond to community needs and ensure that community members are engaged and empowered to be their own advocates, and works towards systematic changes; and

**WHEREAS**, PASO engages in multi-faceted, multi-issue organizing and is solidly positioned to continue to carry out its mission for social justice through community-led change with a focus on racial and gender justice; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception, PASO has been grounded in the leadership and voices of those directly impacted by the issues; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, PASO joined suburban youth leaders to advocate to pass the Illinois Dream Act, and in 2013, organized a children's march in Federal Plaza in support of immigrant justice; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, PASO worked with its partners to pass more than 14 pro-immigrant bills, and organized the largest "Abolish ICE" march and protest in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, PASO has helped protect the rights of immigrant communities, and has been powerful advocate for all social justice issues.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate the staff, volunteers, and supporters of *Proyecto De Acción De Los Suburbios Del Oeste* (PASO) on their 10th Anniversary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to *Proyecto De Acción De Los Suburbios Del Oeste* (PASO) in honor of its outstanding achievements.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6324  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE BILL LOWRY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING FATHER MICHAEL PFLEGER FOR CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, on May 14, 1975, the Archdiocese of Chicago ordained Father Michael Pfleger. In 1981, at the age of 31, he became the youngest full pastor in the diocese when he the Archdiocese of Chicago appointed Father Michael Pfleger the Pastor of St. Sabina Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Michael Pfleger lived and ministered in the African American community on both the west and south sides of Chicago.

**WHEREAS**, Father Michael Pfleger spent two (2) summers working in a Native American community in Oklahoma and completed his seminary internship as a Chaplin at Cook County Jail and at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Time, Ebony, Newsweek and Jet magazines; The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, U.S.A. Today, The Chicago Tribune, The Chicago Sun-Times, The Chicago Reader and numerous other newspapers and journals recognized the many works of Father Michael Pfleger. Additionally, television programs such as "Day One" ABC; "60 Minutes" (CBS); BBC in Great Britain, the Larry King Show and Nightline profiled his fight against alcohol and tobacco billboards, drugs, racism, rampant gun violence and other injustices which plague the people in his community; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Michael Pfleger in the course of his faith in action ministry, received recognition for his commitment to equality and passionate stance against injustice. Several of the awards and honors he received are: "Keeper of the Dream", Rainbow/Push; Distinguished Service Award, Nation of Islam; "Thurgood Marshall Award", National Black Prosecutors Association; "Monsignor Egan Social Justice Award", DePaul University, "I Am A Man Award" from the April 4th Foundation in Memphis, Tennessee, "Rosa Parks Award" from the Southern Christian Leadership Council (SCLC) and the "Unsung Hero Award" from the Wade's World Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, Father Michael Pfleger remains involved in many issues, such as, campaigns against insufficient living conditions, substandard education for children, parity in scholastic competition and negative music glorifying violence and degrading women, the violence and disrespect of women on popular television shows, the easy access to guns, and the violence snatching the lives of children across the country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Bill Lowry, Cook County Commissioner of the 3rd district, do hereby stand, and salute the phenomenal, efficacious, and life changing ministry of Father Michael Pfleger; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a suitable copy of this Resolution will be presented to our beloved friend Father Michael Pfleger and Faith Community of St. Sabina.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6342  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE SCOTT R. BRITTON, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR,  
JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER,  
BRANDON JOHNSON, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE,**

**KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, LARRY SUFFREDIN AND  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH,  
SUPPORTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND COMMENDING  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM ADVOCATES,  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS**

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is held throughout the month of October to raise awareness and unite, in solidarity and support, across the nation to end domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence can happen to anyone at any point in a relationship, and happens in every community and affects people of all races, genders, and backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, one (1) in three (3) women will experience intimate partner violence, whether physical or emotional, in their lifetime, according to the World Health Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, more than half of women (69.5%) and men (53.6%) who have been physically or sexually abused or stalked by a dating partner, first experienced abuse between the ages of 11-24, according to the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence; and

**WHEREAS**, on average, three women are killed by a current or former intimate partner every day in the United States, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics; and

**WHEREAS**, victims of domestic violence experience immediate and long-term negative outcomes, including detrimental effects on mental and physical health; and

**WHEREAS**, personal safety and economic security are often inextricably linked for victims of domestic violence, according to the National Network to End Domestic Violence; and

**WHEREAS**, victims of domestic violence may not leave because of financial needs, family pressures, believing children need a second parent, or the fear that abusers will follow through on threats to harm children or gain custody, according to the Journal of Social and Personal Relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families in the United States, according to the American Civil Liberties Union Women's Rights Project; and

**WHEREAS**, significant numbers of women living in poverty are battered, and the violence they experience can make the climb out of poverty unattainable, according to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; and

**WHEREAS**, millions of children are exposed to domestic violence each year; and



**WHEREAS**, children who observe parental conflict, hostility, and violent behavior are more likely to use abusive behaviors toward their significant others in both adolescence and adulthood, according to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; and

**WHEREAS**, only 60 percent of domestic violence and intimate partner violence incidents are ever reported to the police, according to National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence; and

**WHEREAS**, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) domestic violence victims face barriers unique to their status, such as lack of access to domestic violence shelters, according to the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, African American females experience intimate partner violence at a rate 35% higher than that of white females, and about 2.5 times the rate of women of other races and are less likely than white women to use social services, battered women's programs, or go to the hospital because of domestic violence, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Feminist Majority Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, 63% of victimized Latinas experience multiple acts of victimization, Latino victims are less likely to tell health care workers, and Latino victims report seeking local shelters less than women from other ethnic/racial groups due to language barriers and fear of immigration enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, victims of domestic violence who worked with advocates experienced less violence over time, reported higher quality of life and social support, and had less difficulty obtaining community resources over time, according to the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence; and

**WHEREAS**, staff and volunteers of domestic violence shelters and community providers serve thousands of adults and children throughout Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, crisis hotlines serving domestic violence victims operate 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, and offer important crisis intervention services, support services, information, and referrals for victims; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers and first responders put their lives at risk each day by responding to incidents of domestic violence, which can be among the most volatile and deadly disturbance calls.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and does hereby support the goals and ideals of Domestic Violence Awareness Month to end domestic violence and provide safety for victims of domestic violence and their families; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners commends domestic violence victim advocates, victim service providers, crisis hotline staff and first responders for their compassionate support of survivors of domestic violence, and commits to continuing to raise awareness of domestic violence and the corresponding devastating effects of domestic violence on survivors, families, and communities.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6361  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIRACULOUS  
WEEPING ICON OF THE VIRGIN MARY AT  
SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CICERO, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS**, Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church located in Cicero, Illinois has been a pillar in the Cook County region for over 55 years; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1963 the parish of St. George was established on the west side of Chicago as Orthodox Christians began to arrive in Illinois from the Middle East, and in 1979 a building was purchased in Oak Park, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 1, 1984, to meet the growing needs of the community and after several months of fundraising, the members of St. George purchased a former Korean Presbyterian Church. This complex included Sunday school classrooms, a parish hall, a rectory, and a parking lot; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 1994, the parishioners of St. George witnessed God's glory as the Icon of the Theotokos on the church's iconostasis began to shed tears. His Eminence Metropolitan PHILIP formally declared the weeping icon a miracle and named it "The Miraculous Icon of Our Lady of Cicero; and

**WHEREAS**, visitors from all over the world travel to visit the Miraculous Weeping Icon in Cicero, bringing joy and hope for many Orthodox Christians throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of St. George has been full of miracles: From overcoming obstacles in its early days, to recovering from a tragic fire; the members of Saint George have overcome tragedy and adversity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby express our congratulations to Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Celebration of its 25th Anniversary of the Miraculous Icon of Our Lady of Cicero and extend our very best wishes for the future; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a ceremonial copy of same be presented to the Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church in honor of its impact to their community.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6371  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE BRANDON JOHNSON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS BLACK FINE ART MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, black artists inspire the citizens of Cook County with the power of their imaginations, and create works that heal, uplift and transform our community; and

**WHEREAS**, black artists create works in all art forms that reflect a wide range of experiences and perspectives; and

**WHEREAS**, the appreciation of the full diversity and complexity of black lives is crucial for the common good of our local, national, and international communities; and

**WHEREAS**, black artists play a leading role in communicating the national narrative and shaping public attitudes about diversity, and provide valuable role models for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, black artists create work that touches our deepest emotions and builds bridges among people of all ages, abilities, races, religions, and sexual preferences; and

**WHEREAS**, Pigment International, in collaboration with The DuSable Museum of African American History, and in partnership with gallerists, art purveyors, curators, and arts organizations across Cook County, have organized Black Fine Art Month, which is celebrated annually during October; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Cook County celebrate the historical significance of Black artists and their commitment to using the black fine art aesthetic to advocate social justice and demonstrate the shared experiences of all people. joining with artists and art supporters around the world to celebrate the black fine

art aesthetic and its global impact during this inaugural Black Fine Art Month proclaimed this October 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim October as Black Fine Art Month.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6374  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING REV. DR. VERA M. BONDS CONQUEROR AND AUTHOR**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Vera Bonds is a 10 Year Breast Cancer Survivor. She has been courageous and has endured these obstacles of her life. Dr. Vera Bonds is a leading lady advocate for Breast Cancer Awareness, she has spoken the importance of awareness in several states to perishers' as well as family members; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Vera Bonds has been married to the Rev. Dr. Michael Bonds Sr. the Pastor of Restoration Missionary Baptist Church for 47 years. They have three (3) adult children and 10 grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Vera Bonds has a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry Education, from Trinity International University and a Master of Divinity -Religious Studies and a Doctor of Theology from Gospel Ministry Outreach Theological Institute in Houston, Texas. She also studied Domestic Violence, Interior Design, and Real-Estate from Prairie State College; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Vera Bonds was one of the organizers of the Restoration Missionary Baptist Church. Dr. Vera Bonds was licensed to preach in 1998 and Ordained as Co-Pastor in 2009. Dr. Vera Bond is also an organizer of three mentoring groups and along with her husband, they run a six-week camp for the Auburn Gresham and Englewood Communities, offering field trips, breakfast and lunch and teaching youth different strategies of coping; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Vera Bonds worked under four Presidents of the Cook County Board and is no stranger to Cook County. She worked at Provident Hospital, Markham Court House, Cook County Forest Preserves

and retired from the Board of Commissioner as an Administrative Assistant to Cook Commissioner Robert Steele; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Vera Bonds is a caterer and cooks for more than a thousand people a year, Dr. Vera Bonds was honored as one of the 2018/2019 Women in Ministry Award and received a Lifetime Conquer Award on October 17, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Vera Bonds is in her Community with their Operation Restoration Community Development Center, which oversees an Annual Health Resource Fair, and an Annual Rite of Passage for young men in Chicago and the surrounding Suburbs. Dr. Vera Bonds is an author of plays and poems; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Vera Bonds latest book was released in August 2019 entitled “Women in the Pulpit”. When Dr. Bonds is not busy, she indulges in her passion as an Interior Designer. She is also a member of the (PUP) Pastor’s United for Change, 22nd District Caps, a founder and board member of Women of Steele Foundation, which give scholarships to young adults.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents, do hereby recognize Dr. Vera M. Bonds for her contributions in being a Conqueror, Successful Author commitments to the Ministry, and the Community for bettering the lives of the people and so wish her every continued success in her future endeavors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Dr. Vera Bonds in recognition of this honor.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6375  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING MRS. ANTOINETTE RATLIFF, CONQUEROR AND COMMUNITY ACTIVIST**

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Antoinette Ratliff is the Co-Founder of Celestial Ministries School of Fine Arts; and

**WHEREAS**, it was established by her and her husband Stanley Ratliff; and

**WHEREAS**, they have three (3) sons Antonio, Antwane, and Andrew all who assist in their ministries; and

**WHEREAS**, Celestial Ministries reaches out to the children of the incarcerated as well as other children in the North Lawndale Community; and

**WHEREAS**, Antoinette is the survivor of late advanced stage of breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS** in 2007, she had to battle this unwanted disease for many months; and

**WHEREAS**, after chemo, radiation, a radical mastectomy, dozen surgeries much prayer and determination she's back with Celestial Ministries in full force; and

**WHEREAS**, after going through this fight to live, Antoinette decided to continue her education by graduating from School of Ministry at Living Word Christian Center in 2012 to support women going through cancer by teaching on Faith; and

**WHEREAS**, Antoinette also graduated from Joseph Business School at Living Word Christian Center in 2013 to support Celestial Ministries first recording studio which their sons are managing now; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Government acknowledges Mrs. Antoinette Ratliff for transforming lives through community engagement with unwavering faith.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners as well as the Board of Commissioners along with the 5.3 million residents of Cook County do hereby recognized Mrs. Antoinette Ratliff for being a woman of faith, Conqueror, who exhibits invaluable leadership, dedication and commitment her family and residents of North Lawndale community and herewith express our sincere gratitude for your service to the community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to Mrs. Antoinette Ratliff and copy be placed upon the official record of the honorable body recognizing this auspicious occasion.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**19-6380  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE  
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE ELIJAH EUGENE CUMMINGS**

**WHEREAS**, Elijah Eugene Cummings was born on January 18, 1951, in Baltimore, the son of sharecroppers Ruth Elma (née Cochran) and Robert Cummings, and third of seven (7) children; and

**WHEREAS**, Elijah Cummings, when he was 11 years old, showed an early sense of social justice when he was among a group of friends who worked to integrate a segregated swimming pool in South Baltimore; and

**WHEREAS**, Elijah Cummings graduated with honors from the Baltimore City College High School in 1969, then attended Howard University in Washington, D.C., where he served in student government as sophomore class president, student government treasurer and later student government president; and

**WHEREAS**, Elijah Cummings became a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society and graduated in 1973 with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science; and

**WHEREAS**, Elijah Cummings graduated in 1976 from the University of Maryland School of Law, receiving his Juris Doctor degree, and was admitted to the Maryland State Bar Association later that year; and

**WHEREAS**, Elijah Cummings practiced law for 19 years before first being elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, Elijah Cummings received 12 honorary doctoral degrees from universities across the United States, most recently an honorary doctorate of public service from the University of Maryland, College Park, in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the United States House of Representatives, Elijah Cummings rose through the ranks of the Democratic Party caucus to positions of leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Elijah Cummings was widely praised following the 2008 congressional hearings on steroids. While investigating the use of steroids in sports, the panel called numerous baseball players to testify, including former single season home run record holder Mark McGwire. After McGwire answered many questions in a vague fashion, Cummings demanded to know if he was "taking the Fifth." McGwire responded by saying, "I am here to talk about the future, not about the past." The exchange came to epitomize the entire inquiry and Cummings was hailed for his direct and forthright questioning; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, Elijah Cummings was elected by his caucus as the ranking Democratic member, and later chair, of the powerful House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform because of his proven aggressive legislative and debating skills, a position in which he was widely respected and which he held until his untimely death; and

**WHEREAS**, Elijah Cummings was a member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus and served as chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus during the 108th United States Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, during his illustrious career in Congress, Elijah Cummings helped author and supported numerous pieces of legislation, including the Presidential and Federal Records Act Amendments of 2014, a bipartisan bill signed into law by then-President Barack Obama in December 2014; and the All Circuit Review Extension Act, a bill that "allows whistleblowers to file appeals where they live rather than being limited to the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals"; and

**WHEREAS**, Elijah Cummings was re-elected to the United States House, 11 more times, never dropping below 69 percent of the vote;

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Elijah Cummings remained dedicated to his core principles of racial and social justice, equity and equality; and

**WHEREAS**, Elijah Cummings lived in the Madison Park community of his beloved Baltimore and was an active member for 40 years of the New Psalmist Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, following his death on October 17, 2019, Elijah Eugene Cummings was remembered across the political spectrum as a giant among his congressional peers and for his steadfast resolve and principled stands on politically charged issues.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, assembled this 23 day of October 2019, do hereby celebrate the life and achievements, as well as mourn the death of Congressman Elijah Eugene Cummings; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this Resolution be sent to the family and many friends of Elijah Eugene Cummings as a token of our esteem and good wishes.

Approved and adopted this 23rd of October 2019.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that the Resolution be approved by Rising Vote. The motion carried. 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 November 20, 2019, in accordance with County Board Resolution 18-6705.**

**The motion prevailed, and the meeting stood adjourned.**

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen A. Yarbrough", written in a cursive style.

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**KAREN A. YARBROUGH**  
County Clerk