

**Board of Commissioners of Cook County**

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL



**Journal of Proceedings**

**Wednesday, November 20, 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.  
SCOTT R. BRITTON  
JOHN P. DALEY  
DENNIS DEER  
BRIDGET DEGNEN  
BRIDGET GAINER  
BRANDON JOHNSON  
BILL LOWRY

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LARRY SUFFREDIN  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI

**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, Lowry, Miller, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

**Absent:** Commissioners Johnson 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 Blakemore – Concerned Citizen

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**19-6141  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE STANLEY MOORE AND JOHN P. DALEY, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**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.

Approved and adopted this 20th of November 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 Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-6334  
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**

**THANKING BRIDGEPORT BAKERY FOR 47 YEARS OF SERVICE  
IN THE BRIDGEPORT NEIGHBORHOOD**

**WHEREAS**, in October of 2019, Bridgeport Bakery is closing after more than 47 years in business; and

**WHEREAS**, Bridgeport Bakery, in Chicago’s Bridgeport neighborhood, was founded in a simple storefront located on 29th and Archer Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, from those humble beginnings, Bridgeport Bakery has flourished and grown into a venerable neighborhood institution that has served delicious baked products to countless customers over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, Bridgeport Bakery is famous for its donuts, bacon buns, cookies and paczki which are always in great demand by residents and customers; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years and throughout many changes in the neighborhood, Bridgeport Bakery has remained faithful to the vision and philosophy of outstanding customer service, and has not only succeeded as a commercial enterprise, but as a greatly valued and widely respected member of the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby offer its gratitude to owner Ron Pavelka and his family for all their many years of service at Bridgeport Bakery and offers its thanks to the many employees past and present, who have helped serve the many residents and customers at the Bridgeport Bakery; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the Official Proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to Bridgeport Bakery in commemoration of this occasion and in grateful acknowledgment of the important contributions to the local neighborhood by Bridgeport Bakery in the course of its many years in business.

Approved and adopted this 20th of November 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 Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-6333  
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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JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING WOORI TAEKWONDO AND HAPKIDO ACADEMY**

**WHEREAS**, “Woori” means “You and Me” Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy is a community of martial artists with the same goal, that of striving toward excellence in martial arts and in every aspect of our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, philanthropy holds a special place of importance in the Woori philosophy; and

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, November 16th, 2019, Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy is sponsoring its 7th Annual fundraising event to benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital entitled “Kick for the Cure”; and

**WHEREAS**, Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy is a team of highly motivated and superbly trained individuals dedicated to the development of character and inner peace characterized by integrity and discipline; and

**WHEREAS**, Kwanpil Kim is the school's Grand Master. Master Hyo Myeong Choi will be testing for her 5th Degree Black Belt in Hapkido. Grand Master Kwan Pil Kim, Master Basia Pudysz Allen, Master Hyo Myeong Choi, Master Asad Umrani, Master Hogyun Choi and Instructors will be participating in the 500 Board Breaking to support the cure for cancer. Woori students will also be participating in Low Belts and Black Belts; and

**WHEREAS**, all proceeds raised from the sale of "Kick for the Cure" event will go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby commend the instructors and students of Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy on its fundraising effort "Kick for the Cure" to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a ceremonial copy of the same be presented to Woori Taekwondo and Hapkido Academy to commemorate this event.

Approved and adopted this 20th of November 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 Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-6844  
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**

**VAN A. GALLIOS, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Van A. Gallios from our midst; and

**WHEREAS** Van A. Gallios was the dearly beloved husband of Constance (Tressa); and

**WHEREAS**, Van A. Gallios was the devoted father of Harry (Sue), Andrew (Kerry), and Georganne (Jose) Lopez; and

**WHEREAS**, Van A. Gallios was the loving grandfather of Evangeline, Jack and James Gallios, Brynn and Elijah Beaver, and Julia and Melinda Lopez; and

**WHEREAS**, Van A. Gallios was the dear brother of Betty (the late Robert) Sefer, the late Helen (the late George) Mavrelis, the late Peter ( the late Sue), the late Mary (the late James) Bliss, the late Nick (Friedl), the late James (the late Alice), and the late John (Angela); and

**WHEREAS**, Van A. Gallios was the fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS**, Van A. Gallios was the son of the late Aristides and Georgia Gallios; and

**WHEREAS**, Van A. Gallios was a veteran of the United States Army; and

**WHEREAS**, Van A. Gallios was the last of four (4) brothers who owned and operated Miller's Pub on Adams and Wabash; and

**WHEREAS**, Van A. Gallios was the friend of many who frequented Miller's Pub including Tony Bennett, Jimmy Durante, and figures from the world of baseball such as Tony La Russa and White Sox owner Bill Veeck.; and

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

Approved and adopted this 20th of November 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 Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-6861  
RESOLUTION**

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

**CONGRATULATING CHICAGO COMMUNITY AND WORKERS' RIGHTS (CCWR)  
ON ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Chicago Community and Workers' Rights (CCWR) was founded in June 2009 by a group of Latinx immigrant workers who saw a need for an organization dedicated to empowering workers to defend their rights; and

**WHEREAS**, CCWR is a worker-led organization that builds leadership and develops organizing tools and collective strategies against labor and immigrant rights abuses, towards just living conditions, shifting the balance of power to the workers; and

**WHEREAS**, CCWR works mainly with low-wage, Latinx immigrant workers, regardless of immigration status- over 90% are people with low income, and over half are women; and

**WHEREAS**, immigrant workers are 1.5 times more likely to experience minimum wage violations and face dangerous working conditions, making up 54% of the foreign-born population who die of work-related injuries, and therefore CCWR fights and advocates for their rights; and

**WHEREAS**, as only about fifteen percent of workers in Illinois are unionized, immigrant workers are vulnerable to threats from employers such as contacting immigration authorities on their statuses, which is why CCWR assists immigrant workers in overcoming such barriers and organizes them to advocate for their workplace rights; and

**WHEREAS**, with CCWR's support, workers have recovered stolen wages, organized for better working conditions and defended their jobs. Their work has led to changes at the city, county, and state level to address issues of exploitation and push for the collective self-determination of workers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, because of cases brought to the attention of the Illinois Department of Labor by CCWR, the implementation of three amendments to labor laws went into effect to make sure landscaping companies, and similarly structured companies, do not violate workers' rights; and



**WHEREAS**, in 2015, after years of organizing and advocacy together with Chicago street vendors, the City of Chicago approved a City ordinance in 2015 that allows pushcart street vendors to sell their prepared products on the street; and

**WHEREAS**, CCWR also works toward promoting laws and policies that create alternatives to provide people with more equitable economic opportunities, and has focused on supporting and establishing a worker cooperative ecosystem as a form of economic justice for communities of color that face poverty, marginalization and that have no documents; and

**WHEREAS**, CCWR is a founding member of the Illinois Workers Cooperative Alliance (IWCA), working towards creating financial and other resources for worker cooperatives at the city/county/state levels, and in collaboration with other organizations formed the Illinois Coalition for Cooperative Advancement (ICCA) with the main purpose to pass the worker cooperative association Act at the state level; in August 2019 the Limited Worker Cooperative Association Act was signed into law; and

**WHEREAS**, CCWR has been very active working with other coalitions to improve the lives of our community members and have been founding member of Raise the Floor Coalition, Organized Communities Against Deportation (OCAD), Chicago Immigration Policy Working Group, Resist, Reimagine Rebuild Coalition, and the Chicago Gang Database Coalition; and

**WHEREAS**, CCWR has helped protect the worker 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 Chicago Community and Workers' Rights 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 Chicago Community and Workers' Rights in honor of its outstanding achievements.

Approved and adopted this 20th of November 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 Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-6862  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**HONORING THE LIFE OF FIDENCIO SÁNCHEZ**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Fidencio Sánchez from our midst on November 6, 2019 at the age of 92; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sánchez was born in Morales, México on November 16, 1926; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sánchez migrated to Chicago in 1990 and became a longtime resident of the Little Village neighborhood on Chicago’s Southwest side; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sánchez was known to be a hardworking provider for his family. He made his living selling popsicles - known in Spanish as *paletas* - for more than two (2) decades; and

**WHEREAS**, his indefatigable work ethic, dedication, and generous heart charmed residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sánchez spent eight (8) hours a day, six (6) days a week push his cart up and down major avenues and side streets in Little Village during the summer months to earn \$50.00 to \$60.00 a day; and

**WHEREAS**, he also spent the winter months selling candies and churros; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sánchez build a reputation of being an all-around good person who cared deeply about his community; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, a Little Village native, Joel Cervantes Macias, was visiting his old neighborhood when he saw Mr. Sánchez struggling to push his cart; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Macias snapped a photo of Mr. Sánchez and posted it to social media outlets, instantly drawing sympathy from thousands of Mr. Sánchez’s former customers who started a GoFundMe campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, the viral crowdfunding campaign, eventually raised nearly \$400,000.00 from more than 17,000 donors from about 60 countries that allowed Mr. Sánchez to retire and spend his twilight years in peace; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sánchez is survived by his wife and best friend Eladia Sánchez, his children, grandchildren, and leaves behind a legacy of perseverance and generosity.

**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 Fidencio Sánchez, 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 Fidencio Sánchez, so that his memory may be honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 20th of November 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 Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-6867  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING DR. BETTY J. ALLEN-GREEN FOR HER LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION AS A COMMUNITY STRATEGIST, FACILITATOR AND EDUCATOR**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Betty J. Allen-Green is a Grassroots Community Strategist, Facilitator, and a Chicago Public Schools Educator for over 35 year; and

**WHEREAS**, she began her career as a teacher, worked as a counselor, assistant principal and 18 years as Principal of Theodore Herzl Elementary School. As principal, Dr. Green and her staff built a cohesive unit of academic pride in the students and cultivated constructive parental involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Green achieved many successes while facing Herculean demands of a community she loves. Under her leadership, Dr. Allen-Green developed and nurtured a program of academic excellence at Herzl Elementary School. Additionally, Herzl was notably recognized for achieving over a 96% student and teachers' attendance rate which contributed to continuous academic excellence and improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Green's dedication and innovation encouraged partnerships with Columbia College and DePaul University's Center for Urban Education. These partnerships resulted in opportunities for students to immerse themselves in fine arts like never. The relationships with Columbia College and DePaul University's Center for Urban Education also provided excellent professional development and in-class coaching for teachers. This ingenious collaboration was underwritten by J.P. Morgan Chase Foundation, Steans Family foundation, Lawndale Christian Health Center and the Carol Kaplan Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, after retiring from Herzl Elementary School, Dr. Green worked for CPS Office of Principal Preparation and Development where she mentored new principals. She simultaneously founded the Lawndale AMACHI Mentoring Program (LAMP). LAMP is a program providing mentors to children and youth between the ages of 4-18 in the North Lawndale Community. It also provides tutoring in the areas of

reading and mathematics and Restorative Justice Peacemaking Circles. LAMP has served over 2,000 children since its beginning in 2007 and achieved many successes; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to serving the children, LAMP provides workshops and support groups for the parents and caregivers. These groups are designed to empower parents to enhance their ability to ensure their children are successful in school and grow up to live successful lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Government acknowledges Dr. Betty J. Allen-Green for transforming lives through community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Green devotes her life to helping children and glorifying God. She started a scholarship ministry at New Community Church, which gives her continued satisfaction. Spending quality time with family and friends is always an energizing joy for Dr. Allen Green in addition to helping to plant a firm foundation in her two (2) grandchildren is a cherished blessing for Dr. Allen Green; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Government acknowledges Dr. Betty J. Allen-Green for transforming lives through community engagement.

**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 Dr. Betty J. Allen-Green for her invaluable, leadership, dedication and commitment to the residents of North Lawndale 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 Dr. Betty J. Allen-Green and a copy be placed upon the official record of the honorable body recognizing this auspicious occasion.

Approved and adopted this 20th of November 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 Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-6870  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED MEN OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.  
108TH FOUNDER’S DAY CELEBRATION**

**WHEREAS**, on the evening of November 17, 1911, Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper and Frank Coleman. Joining them was their faculty adviser, Ernest Everett Just; founded Omega Psi Phi Fraternity inside the Science Building (later renamed Thirkield Hall) at Howard University located in Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, from the initials of the Greek phrase meaning, "friendship is essential to the soul". Omega Psi Phi derived its name. The founders selected this as the motto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cardinal Principles of Omega Psi Phi are Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift; and

**WHEREAS**, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is the first international fraternal organization founded on the campus of a historically black college; and

**WHEREAS**, notable members include Michael Jordan, Langston Hughes, Percy Julian, Tom Joyner, L Douglas Wilder, and Cook County's favorite Omega's the late Robert B. Steele, Dr. Dennis Deer and John Roberson; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone's life has been touched by a Man of Omega Psi Phi. One member, Dr. Charles Drew, perfected the use of blood plasma, leading to the establishment of blood banks. These blood banks save millions of lives every year; and

**WHEREAS**, Omega Psi Phi members are politicians, scientists, mentors, fathers, entrepreneurs, entertainers, and community leaders. Members include the First African American Olympian, William DeHart Hubbard and Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who established what we know today as Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, there are 10 active chapters chartered in Cook County, Sigma Omega, Iota, Epsilon Eta, Rho Gamma Gamma, Theta Kappa Kappa, Chi Lambda Lambda, Omicron Mu Mu, Rho Mu Mu, Mu XI and NU PI; and

**WHEREAS**, every year, these chapters donate over \$100,000.00 in scholarships to high school students, donate hundreds of pints of blood, mentor young people, and contribute over \$50,000.00 to its College Endowment Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, chapters also conduct voter registration, education, and mobilization drives, highlight the best high school talent for the annual Talent Hunt, and social action programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Omegas sent over 2,000 pounds of food, clothes, and medical supplies to Haiti after the 2010 Earthquake. In addition, Omega Psi Phi held one of Cook County's largest water drives for Flint, Michigan, collecting and sending over 10 semi-trucks of water and supplies Cook County's largest relief drives for Houston, Texas, after Hurricane Harvey. Omega Psi Phi continues to deliver thousands of Christmas presents to children of incarcerated parents; and

**WHEREAS**, Omegas Psi Phi conducts educational programs on health Initiatives focusing on diabetes, high blood pressure, and other prevalent issues effecting the residents of Cook County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Men of Omega Psi Phi have held “Ques4Peace” marches throughout Cook County to fight youth violence; and

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, November 17, 2019, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc celebrated their 108th Founders’ Day recognizing individuals for their contributions to community uplift via the “citizen of the Year” and “Omega Man of the Year” awards.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on behalf of the President, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the 5.4 million residents of Cook County take great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the men of Omega Psi Phi for their leadership, dedication and commitment and hereby proclaim November 17, 2019 as Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Day in Cook County and herewith express our sincere gratitude for your service to the community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in honor of this auspicious occasion.

Approved and adopted this 20th of November 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 Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-6448  
RESOLUTION**

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

**CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF VERNARD L. ALSBERRY, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, Vernard L. Alsberry, Jr. was born on October 16, 1955 in Chicago, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Vernard L. Alsberry, Jr. was one of seven brothers who was raised in Chicago’s Altgeld Gardens housing project. Upon his graduation from High School, Vernard served 10 years in the United States Air Force rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant; and

**WHEREAS**, upon his completion of service in the United States Air Force, Vernard earned an Associates of Science Degree in Physical Therapy from both the United States Air Force and Mississippi State Community College. He would go on to graduate from Governors State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Health Administration and a Master's Degree in Public Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, Vernard L. Alsberry, Jr. has led a successful 34-year career with a background in orthopedic, neurological, and sports medicine services in military and civilian rehabilitation clinics. Vernard has served as an outpatient physical therapy assistant at Advocate Trinity Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, Vernard L. Alsberry, Jr. interests in clinic services led him to co-found and serve as the Vice President of Superior Therapeutic Services, Inc. that provides home health services and hospital contractual services in the Chicago and Southeast Indiana areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Vernard L. Alsberry, Jr. has a deep passion for youth. Through his love for youth, Vernard founded Kids Health Club.com, a youth fitness center for children ages 6 to 13 years old. He also established the Kid Health Club Foundation, Inc., a foundation that provides youth education programs and seminars that focuses on the prevention of childhood obesity; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his career in physical therapy, Vernard L. Alsberry, Jr. is politically involved in his community. He served for eight years as a Hazel Crest Village trustee and elected Mayor in 2013. During his first two years of his term, Vernard's leadership has secured over \$2 million dollars in state and federal grant funding. He also re-established the Hazel Crest Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Vernard L. Alsberry, Jr. believes in giving back to the community. He has served on the Advisory Board of Governors State University, as Past President on the South Southwest United Way, and President of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, and President of the Southland Regional Mayoral Black Caucus.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents, does hereby congratulate Vernard L. Alsberry, Jr. on a 34-year successful career 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 Vernard L. Alsberry, Jr. and his family in recognition of this honor.

Approved and adopted this 20th of November 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 Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-6872  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**ROSE FARINA, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Rose Farina nee: Torina from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose Farina was the dearly beloved wife of the late Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose Farina was the devoted mother of Philip (Kathy), James (Geraldine), Mark (Diane) and the late Richard (Patty); and

**WHEREAS**, Rose Farina was the dear grandmother of Lauren (Martin) Prieto, Nicholas (Jennifer) Farina, Lisa Marie Farina, Michael Farina, Olivia (Ashley), Louis Farina and the late Casey; great grandmother of James Farina, Eva Rose Prieto, Jason Farina and Gabriel Farina; and

**WHEREAS**, Rose Farina was the fond sister of the late Florence (the late David) Domino, the late Angela Torina, the late Vito (Gloria) and the late Maria Torina; and

**WHEREAS**, all who knew her will attest that Rose Farina 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 Rose Farina 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 Rose Farina so that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.



Approved and adopted this 20th of November 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 Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-6846  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**HONORING DR. M. WASIULLAH KHAN AND EAST-WEST UNIVERSITY**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. M. Wasiullah Khan, Chancellor of East-West University, grew up in Lahore, Pakistan and received his Master of Education from the University of the Punjab in Lahore. Dr. Khan immigrated to the United States in 1972. He received his Ph.D. in Educational Administration from Indiana University. Dr. Khan served as Dean of Academic and Learning Resources at Daniel Hale Williams University from 1977-1978; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. M. Wasiullah Khan, Chancellor and Dr. Madhu Jain, Provost of East-West University conceived of the idea of East-West University on November 1, 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, East-West University was established in 1980. The University was awarded operating and degree granting authority; and classes began in the Fall Quarter of that year. Since 1983, East-West University has continuously been accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA); and

**WHEREAS**, East-West University's mission is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence by all through relevant, effective and convenient education and provides equal educational opportunity for all racial, ethnic and socio-economic groups. The University's program offerings of liberal arts and sciences along with job and career related professional education are geared to the service economy of modern times. The University promotes service to humankind with a global, multi-cultural and future oriented perspective; and

**WHEREAS**, East-West University is dedicated to providing quality education to students from all backgrounds and benefit students from underserved communities. The University is both comprehensive and pluralistic in terms of clientele, academic programs, educational delivery systems, research and

publication projects and sources of financial support. East-West University offers relevant, effective and convenient programs in liberal arts, sciences and career related areas like biology, electronics, computer science and business administration; and

**WHEREAS**, East-West University enables its students to lead and serve, producing graduates committed to make a difference in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with its commitment to make higher education affordable, the University has maintained one of the lowest tuition rates among private colleges in Illinois and students graduate with the least amount of debt; and

**WHEREAS**, almost 80 percent of East-West University students are from low-income families. More than 50 percent of the University's students are the first in their families to attend college. The student population breakdown for the University is 53% African American; 19% Hispanic; 3% Caucasian; 21% international; 2% Asian and 2% multicultural; and

**WHEREAS**, East-West University's majority of students come from the Chicago public high schools and are predominantly from the west, south and southwest sections of the City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, East-West University has graduated thousands of students and has provided numerous scholarships for students in need and those who have been successful; and

**WHEREAS**, East-West University opened its Student Life Center on April 24, 2014. That building is a 165,000 square foot, 17 story state-of-the-art facility for current and prospective East-West students. The Student Life Center offers students many modern benefits and amenities, including 10 floors of student housing, an athletic center, a multipurpose gym, welcoming area with a restaurant, a tutoring center, an expansive library, computer labs, and a conference center with an auditorium. The building also serves as an active resource for the South Loop community as well as for visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, East-West University has an established history offering education centered on leadership and dedicated to progress.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Dr. M. Wasiullah Khan, Chancellor and East-West University for providing 40 extraordinary years of education to thousands of students in Chicago and Illinois.

Approved and adopted this 20th of November 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 Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-6868  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

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

**HONORING ASPIRA OF ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS**, ASPIRA of Illinois was established in 1968 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in response to the growing social and educational needs of the Puerto Rican and Latino community in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, ASPIRA of Illinois' mission is to empower the Puerto Rican and Latino community through advocacy and the education and leadership development of its youth; and

**WHEREAS**, ASPIRA of Illinois' approach is multi-systemic and addresses all family members' needs in collaboration with other social service agencies, health care providers, public schools, higher education institutions and government agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, ASPIRA of Illinois is committed to elevating the self-esteem of all students through leadership development and fostering their personal growth by encouraging lifelong learning; and

**WHEREAS**, ASPIRA of Illinois understands the value of all students appreciating and understanding their cultural heritage to build self-esteem and pave the way to academic excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, ASPIRA of Illinois is committed to teaching students the value of improving the quality of life of others and learning to be compassionate and understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, ASPIRA of Illinois embraces all aspects of human diversity and value its necessity to ensure a vibrant learning environment; and

**WHEREAS**, ASPIRA of Illinois is committed to establishing partnerships with universities, the private sector, nonprofit, and community organizations that will enhance the student's school experience and their leadership development; and

**WHEREAS**, ASPIRA of Illinois serves over 3,000 students and their families every year through its schools and youth development programs; and

**WHEREAS**, ASPIRA of Illinois has helped thousands of low-income students attend college and helped numerous families access support services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby recognizes the great work done by ASPIRA of Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize November 20, 2019 to be ASPIRA Day in Cook County and encourage all residents to support ASPIRA of Illinois' efforts.

Approved and adopted this 20th of November 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 Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-6869  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT,  
ALMA E. ANAYA AND LUIS ARROYO JR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 20, 2019 AS LATINA EQUAL PAY DAY**

**WHEREAS**, November 20, 2019 is a stark reminder of the amount of time it takes for Latina women to make as much as a white, non-Hispanic man; and

**WHEREAS**, the Equal Pay Act of 1963 prohibits discrimination in compensation for equal work on the basis of sex, while the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination in compensation because of race; and

**WHEREAS**, despite our laws, Latina women face a disparity in pay; and

**WHEREAS**, Latina women are paid just 53 cents for every dollar earned by white, non-Hispanic men; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the advocacy organization Lean In, the pay gap for women begins as early as age 16 and only grows from there; and

**WHEREAS**, even though Latina women represent 27.9 million of the United States population and Latinxs are driving the American economy with \$1.7 trillion in purchasing power, the pay gap affects Latinas across various professional fields and is ironically at its largest for Latinas with advanced degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, equal pay for Latina women is essential to the economic stability and success for Latinas, their families and their communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby recognizes the disparity between wages paid to Latina women and its impact on their lives, families and community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners reaffirms its commitment to closing the wage gap.

Approved and adopted this 20th of November 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 Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**19-6877  
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by**

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT AND BRIDGET DEGNEN,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING THE AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER AND RECOGNIZING NATIVE AMERICAN  
HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Illinois is the traditional homeland of the Council of the Three Fires: The Odawa, Ojibwe and Potawatomi Nations. Many other Tribes like the Miami, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Sac and Fox also called this area home; and

**WHEREAS**, located at the intersection of several great waterways, Illinois became a site of travel and healing for many Tribes. American Indians have called this area home since time immemorial; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the growing needs of a rapidly-expanding local Native American population and the Indian Relocation program of the 1950s, the American Indian Center (AIC) was founded to advance the welfare of American Indians in the metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS**, the AIC strives to be the primary cultural and community resource in the greater Chicago metropolitan area, creating bonds of understanding and communication between Native Americans and non-Native Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, AIC promotes fellowship among the nearly 65,000 Indian people of all Tribes living in the metropolitan Chicago area, conserving Indian cultural values through cultural, artistic and educational means; and

**WHEREAS**, AIC provides their members with support programs, physical and spiritual health in the community, and foster Native American youth; and

**WHEREAS**, in November of 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed a Resolution designating November as “Native American Heritage Month”; and

**WHEREAS**, since September 7, 1953, the American Indian Center has been a staple of the Native American community and will continue to highlight the contributions of Native Americans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby recognizes the American Indian Center for their contributions to the Native American community and residents of Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize November as Native American Heritage Month.

Approved and adopted this 20th of November 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 Sims, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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



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**KAREN A. YARBROUGH**  
County Clerk