

Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
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1:00 PM

Consent Calendar Meeting - Honorary Resolutions

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

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**KAREN A. YARBROUGH
COUNTY CLERK**

Board met pursuant to law and pursuant to Resolution 19-6267.

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, Moore, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Silvestri and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Commissioners Sims 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

**20-0886
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**

PAUL W. BONOMA, IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Paul Bonoma from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Paul Bonoma was the loving and adored husband of Roseann; and

WHEREAS, Paul Bonoma was the loving father of Debbie (Kevin) Donovan, David (Mary Kay), Paul G. (Julie); and

WHEREAS, Paul Bonoma was the adored grandfather of Kelsey, Grace, Elizabeth, Molly, Anna, Cody, Jake, Maximilian and Sophia; and

WHEREAS, Paul Bonoma was the beloved son of the late Ignatius and Bernice Bonoma; and

WHEREAS, Paul Bonoma was the dear brother of Donna (late Bill) Wilkinson and William (Rita) Bonoma; and

WHEREAS, Paul Bonoma was a caring brother-in-law of Marie (late Patrick) Cassidy, the late Carrie (late James) Andriacchi and the late Lillian (late Alex) Baffa; and

WHEREAS, Paul Bonoma was a fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, all who knew him will attest that Paul Bonoma was a kind and compassionate man, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by his many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by his family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Paul Bomona, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Paul Bonoma that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**20-0889
RESOLUTION**

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

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CP CRAWFORD

WHEREAS, CP Crawford was called home to be with the Lord on November 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, CP Crawford was born August 25, 1905 in Jackson, Mississippi to John and Mattie Crawford; and

WHEREAS, CP Crawford was the youngest of five (5) siblings including three (3) brothers and two (2) sisters. At an early age, his mother passed away, and he was subsequently raised by aunts and uncles; and

WHEREAS, CP Crawford was not allowed to attend school that led him to start working in the fields picking cotton, ploughing the fields of corn and manning the gardens; and

WHEREAS, CP Crawford applied his early work experience and went on to a career at Southland Oil Refinery. He would eventually move to Chicago, Illinois in 1949 to work at Illinois Central Railroad; and

WHEREAS, throughout his lifetime, CP Crawford was known as a caring and charismatic person who was well respected by his peers. He enjoyed to fish, smoke cigars, and play cards; and

WHEREAS, CP Crawford's most significant accomplishment was the special relationship that he held with his four (4) stepchildren, Shawn (Yolanda), Martez, Paige, and Curtis and his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in November 2015, CP Crawford was awarded an honorary high school diploma from Thornton Fractional South High School in Lansing, Illinois. This honor was in recognition of his love of education and the community; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, CP Crawford lived in Lansing, Illinois at the Tri-State Nursing Rehabilitation Center. The Village of Lansing and Mayor Patty Eidam provided CP Crawford with a recognition as being the oldest living resident in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago White Sox honored CP Crawford at a game on September 12, 2019 for his service, contributions and longevity in the Greater Chicago area; and

WHEREAS, prior to his passing, CP Crawford was one of the oldest known living men in the United States.

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 CP Crawford 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 CP Crawford

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**20-1006
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT AND STANLEY
MOORE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

HONORING FEATHER FIST

WHEREAS, Feather Fist was founded in 1984 by Executive Director Melanie G. Anewishki and was formally incorporated in 1990 as a 501(c)3 and received its first public funding in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Melanie's passion and focus has been to utilize her experience and education in developing the Feather Fist Model of Social Services that successfully addresses the underlying cause of homelessness for individual clients and the homeless population; and

WHEREAS, Melanie is a retired College Professor, specializing in Early Childhood Education and Special Education, Residential Childcare, Human Services and Curriculum and Instruction. She is also a trainer of Lay Ministers of Care and educates them on Suffering, Death and Dying; and

WHEREAS, Feather Fist's qualified case managers conduct extensive outreach citywide, crisis intervention for homeless men, women, children and those at risk of becoming homeless. Feather Fist maintains direct access to transitional housing units where clients are assisted in developing a supportive service plan to prepare for and provide access to permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, Feather Fist will become a national model for providing a holistic approach to servicing homeless men, women, and children and empowering them to a pathway to independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby honor and recognize Melanie G. Anewishki and Feather Fist for their contribution to the viability of Cook County.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**20-1028
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HONORING ALICE ELIZABETH DANDRIDGE-TURNER

WHEREAS, Alice Elizabeth Dandridge-Turner was born to Berry and Sarah Dandridge on December 25, 1919 in Memphis, Tennessee. She celebrated her 100th birthday on Christmas Day 2019; and

WHEREAS, Alice received her early education at home from her mother and father, and her religious training from her aunt, Ms. Hattie Bradley, at New Sardis Missionary Baptist Church. She attended elementary school at McKinney School where her teacher Nellie Roberts soon recognized her special talents. Both Ms. Bradley and Ms. Roberts placed her in leadership positions in school to help her understand her potential; and

WHEREAS, Alice subsequently attended LeMoyne College, now LeMoyne-Owen College, in Memphis Tennessee, Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee and Wilberforce University in Dayton, Ohio where she graduated Cum Laude. She later attended Chicago Teacher's College in Chicago, where she worked toward a master's degree in Education; and

WHEREAS, as a young person, Alice participated in Sunday School, Baptist Young People's Union, Sunshine Band, and the Children's Choir at New Sardis Missionary Baptist Church. As she matured, she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and joined the church in the days when everyone had to kneel at the "Mourner's Bench" and confess their sins in order to accept the Lord as their savior. She was then baptized in a gravel pit filled with rainwater on the side of the road because their church had been burned to the ground. It was reported that the church was burned because the leaders couldn't raise enough money to pay the note on the church. Eventually, her father who was a deacon and others raised enough money to build another church; and

WHEREAS, Alice comes from a long line of strong and generous women. Her mother Sarah Dandridge lived to be 101 years old. Her father's mother Vinnie Dandridge lived to 105. Her mother served on the Mother's Board of New Sardis Missionary Baptist Church where she worked with the children in the church instilling in Alice a love of children and the desire to better their lives through education. She credits her mother with teaching her how to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Alice moved to Chicago and married Reverend Clifton H. Turner, Sr. Together they raised three (3) children: Clifton, Jr. (now deceased), Deborah A. Turner, and Móna S. Turner. Alice taught for 43 years, more than half of those at Delano Elementary School, located in the school now known as Genevieve Melody Public School on Chicago's West side. She retired in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Alice lived in Chicago on the West Side during the riots that followed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination. She remembers a long, scary night and driving around the city the next day, seeing much destruction and smelling the smoke, a painful reminder of how far she had come, but not yet far enough; and

WHEREAS, Alice is a published poet. She loves to write and sponsored an annual Essay Writing Contests at Delano Elementary School where she taught. This contest was recognized by the *Chicago Defender Newspaper*, Chicago's first Black newspaper. They noted that Alice was an educator who motivated children to write and to use their creativity constructively while rewarding them for their efforts; and

WHEREAS, Alice has lived a life of kindness and grace. She currently belongs to Springfield Baptist Church in Evanston, Illinois where she followed her mother's footsteps and joined the Mother's Board, eventually becoming President of the board. She believes strongly in the importance of religious training and worked many summers in the church's Vacation Bible School. She is an active member of the Missionary Society and continues to visit nursing homes, feed the hungry, and clothe those in need; and

WHEREAS, Alice continues to be active in the Foster Senior Club where she is a “Golden Girl.” The Golden Girls meet weekly for good clean Christian fun. There are lots of laughs and a little BINGO. There are field trips and other activities. Every year she participates in the large Fundraiser Fashion show; and

WHEREAS, Alice continues to thank and praise the Lord for the love he has shown her, allowing her to live 100 years and to accomplish all the things she has done. He has allowed her to experience history from being with her grandmother who shared her experiences as a slave to seeing Barack Obama elected as the first Black President of the United States. Her faith in God remains strong and she encourages young people to follow Jesus as their leader. Everything will work out right because he will always be with them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County celebrates the life of Alice Elizabeth Dandridge-Turner, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Alice Elizabeth Dandridge-Turner and her family.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**20-1055
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

WHEREAS, on February 14, 1920, the League of women Voters (“League”) was formed at the Congress Hotel in Chicago Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the league was formed six (6) months prior to, but in anticipation of ratification of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the League was a political experiment designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters by educating them about issues; and

WHEREAS, from the beginning the league determined that it would be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing any political party or individual candidate; and

WHEREAS, the League continues today as a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issue, and influences public policy through education and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, today the League is composed of member in over 700 local, county and states leagues, in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, and Hong Kong; and

WHEREAS, among those local leagues in Illinois are 13 leagues whose over 1800 members are also members of the League of Women Voters of Cook County, and inter-League organization that focuses on the county-wide governments with the County of Cook; and

WHEREAS, members of the League first study and then take action on a broad rand of issues after reaching consensus on positions; and

WHEREAS, Leagues at all levels, among the other activities, register voters, educate voters by holding candidate forums and publishing voter guides, publish public policy research, and hold meeting on key issues; and

WHEREAS, the League is a civic organization that has fought since 1920 to improve government and engage everyone in the decision that impact their lives; and

WHEREAS, the League will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on February 14, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners declares February 14, 2020 as a day to celebrate the League of Women voters and its vision of democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**20-1136
RESOLUTION**

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

HONORING THE HEROIC ACT OF LAWRENCE SANTORO

WHEREAS, Lawrence Santoro has been an investigator with the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office for almost 8 years; and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2019, Mr. Santoro was driving to investigate the scene of a death; and

WHEREAS, as he was driving on the Eisenhower Expressway, Mr. Santoro came across an accident; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Santoro saw that the car appeared to be on fire, so he quickly radioed for help; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Santoro saw two (2) men in the vehicle, one (1) of whom was unconscious; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Santoro began cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on the unconscious individual until the Fire Department arrived; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Mr. Santoro's actions, the lives of the two (2) accident victims were saved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents and over 22,000 employees of Cook County, honors Lawrence Santoro for his heroic lifesaving act; 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 Lawrence Santoro.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**20-1171
RESOLUTION**

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

HONORING FOUR HEROIC UNITED STATES ARMY CHAPLAINS**

WHEREAS, February 2, 2020 marks the 77th anniversary of the sinking of the United States (U.S.) troop ship, SS Dorchester; and

WHEREAS, on that day in 1943 while transporting soldiers overseas over the North Atlantic, the SS Dorchester was struck by a torpedo which knocked out the ship's electrical system, leaving the ship dark which created panic among the men aboard, many of them trapped below deck. It is what happened during these crucial 20 minutes before the ship sank, the reason we remember this day; and

WHEREAS, in a final act of valor and courage, four U.S. Army first lieutenant chaplains Methodist Reverend George L. Fox, Roman Catholic Priest John P. Washington, Jewish Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Dutch Reformed faiths Reverend Clark V. Poling calmed the men and organized an orderly evacuation of the ship; and

WHEREAS, as they helped guide wounded men to safety into lifeboats and as life jackets were passed out to the men, the supply ran out. The chaplains removed their own life jackets and gave them to others. They then linked arms while praying and went down with the ship as it sank into the cold waters of the North Atlantic; and

WHEREAS, every year hence, citizens across our country have remembered the courage and extraordinary display of bravery from these four heroic men of faith; and

WHEREAS, this year's memorial program is hosted by the Military Order of the Purple Heart and is sponsored annually by the Combined Veterans Association of Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby designate Sunday, February 2, 2020, Four Chaplains Sunday in Cook County, in honor to preserve the memory of these individuals who demonstrated the ultimate supreme sacrifice at sea.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**20-1174
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

**HONORING EQUAL HOPE AND RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS
CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN COOK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress designated January as Cervical Health Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer is still the second most common type of cancer for women worldwide and nearly 13,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year with more than 4,000 women dying as a result of this diagnosis, but the disease is preventable with vaccination and appropriate screening such as pap and human papillomavirus (HPV) tests; and

WHEREAS, the occurrence of cervical cancer in Chicago is 39% higher than the national average and the death rate is 60% higher, according to data from the National Cancer Institute; and

WHEREAS, HPV is the #1 cause of cervical cancer; however, HPV vaccines can help prevent infection from both high-risk HPV types that can lead to cervical cancer and low risk types that cause genital warts; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends all boys and girls get the HPV vaccine at age 11 or 12, but vaccination is available through age 26; and

WHEREAS, the vaccine produces a stronger immune response when taken during the preteen years, and it is for this reason that up until age 14, only two (2) doses of the vaccine are required; and

WHEREAS, young women and men can get the vaccine up to age 26, but for those 15 and older, a full three (3) dose series is needed; and

WHEREAS, it's important to recognize outstanding work being done here in Illinois and Cook County by our community partners such as Equal Hope; and

WHEREAS, Equal Hope is a not-for-profit organization originally set up in 2008 as the Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force after the publication of disturbing research that showed that Chicago had large and growing racial disparities in breast cancer mortality; and

WHEREAS, women of color are disproportionately affected with Black and Latina women nearly three times more likely to die of cervical cancer than white women in Chicago, and drastic variations exist among neighborhoods; women living in Washington Park, for example, are 85 times more likely to die of cervical cancer than women living in adjacent Hyde Park; and

WHEREAS, Equal Hope's mission is to save women's lives by eliminating health disparities in Illinois, originally through the lens of breast cancer and now expanded to cervical cancer and other women's cancers; addressing women's health holistically by helping women establish medical homes with the goal of eliminating inequities in prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship for all women; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body wishes to promote and raise awareness of National Cervical Health Awareness Month in Cook County and to recognize the good work of Equal Hope in combatting this "silent killer" of women.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than 5.2 million residents of Cook County, do hereby take this opportunity to acknowledge National Cervical Health Awareness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conjunction with National Cervical Health Awareness Month, that the month of January be hereby declared Cervical Health Awareness Month in the County of Cook; 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 Equal Hope in recognition of National Cervical Health Awareness Month.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**20-1190
RESOLUTION**

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

**A RESOLUTION HONORING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY ON
THEIR 112TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® (AKA) originated January 15, 1908 from the vision of Ethel Hedgeman and eight (8) other African-American college students on the campus of Howard University, the first African-American Greek-letter sorority; and

WHEREAS, on this day January 15, 2020, worldwide members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated will pause to honor the founding of their beloved sisterhood and pay homage to the vision, courage, tenacity and oneness of purpose of the extraordinary women who dared to create the first organization for college-trained women designed to support and promote sisterhood, scholarship and service; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha was incorporated on January 29, 1913, which facilitated the growth of an international service organization that now consists of 1,024 chapters, including many active chapters

within Cook County, and nearly 300,000 members in more than 55 nations and all 50 states including the District of Columbia, the United States Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, Germany, Liberia, South Korea, Japan, Canada, South Africa and the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and embodied in their credo to be of "Service to All Mankind"; and

WHEREAS, for more than a century, the AKA Sisterhood has been an indomitable force for good in their communities, state, nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha has maintained its focus in two (2) key arenas: the lifelong personal and professional development of each of its members; and galvanizing its membership into an organization of respected power and influence, consistently at the forefront of effective advocacy and social change that results in equality and equity for all citizens of the world; and

WHEREAS, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. chapters located in Cook County include: Beta (Chicago), Theta Omega (Chicago), Delta Omicron (Chicago), Theta Rho Omega (Markham), Delta Chi Omega (Evanston), Lambda Alpha Omega (Westchester), Lambda Mu Omega (Chicago), Lambda Tau Omega (Matteson), Xi Nu Omega (Chicago), Xi Kappa (Chicago), Omicron Alpha (River Forest), Tau Gamma Omega (Chicago), Pi Nu (Chicago), Phi Epsilon Omega (Harvey), Phi Kappa Omega (Oak Lawn), Chi Alpha Omega (Schaumburg), Chi Omega Omega (Chicago), and Tau Mu (Chicago); and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to congratulate the members of the Cook County Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. on the occasion of the sorority's 112th anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated on their celebration of National Founders Day on January 15, 2020, and thank them for 112 years of service in the public interest; 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 a representative of each Cook County Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated as a symbol of our respect and esteem.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**20-1206
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE LUIS ARROYO JR, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER,
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R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**IN CELEBRATION OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED'S CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION**

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated is a Black Greek Letter Organization founded on January 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. by Arizona Cleaver Stemons, Pearl Anna Neal, Myrtle Tyler Faithful, Viola Tyler Goings and Fannie Pettie Watts. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded on the principles of Scholarship, Service, Sisterly Love and Finer Womanhood; and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is the only Black Greek Letter Organization constitutionally bound with another Black Greek Letter Organization, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, founded on January 9, 1914 on the campus of Howard University. Zeta Phi Beta was incorporated in the State of Illinois in 1939. Currently, the Sisterhood of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. has over 100,000 members around the world; and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is currently led by the Sorority's 25th International President, Valerie Hollingsworth-Baker; and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. has long-standing awareness partnerships and assists tirelessly year-round to raise funds on behalf National Organizations such as the March of Dimes and the American Cancer Society and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is one (1) of nine (9) Black Greek Letter Organizations in existence known as 'The Divine Nine'. The Divine Nine Organizations are listed as follows: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated (founded December 4, 1906); Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (founded January 15, 1908); Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated (founded January 5, 1911); Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated (founded November 17, 1911); Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

(founded January 13, 1913); Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated (founded January 9, 1914), Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated (founded January 16, 1920); Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated (founded November 12, 1922) and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated (founded September 19, 1963); and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. mentors young women from ages 4 - 18 through the Zeta Youth Auxiliaries known as the Pearlettes, Amicettes and Archonettes. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. also sponsors an adult auxiliary formed in 1947 entitled The Amicae, making Zeta Phi Beta the first Sorority in the National Pan Hellenic Council to organize an auxiliary. The Amicae auxiliary consists of non-degreed women who have an opportunity to serve alongside Zeta Phi Beta with the same ideals and principles that the Sorority was founded upon; and

WHEREAS, in Cook County, there are three (3) undergraduate chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.: Alpha Alpha Chicago Metropolitan Chapter, Nu Sigma at Northwestern University, and Mu Phi at Loyola University; and eight (8) Graduate Chapters: Zeta Tau Zeta (Chicago Metropolitan); Zeta Zeta (Dolton), Xi Mu Zeta (Markham), Tau Alpha Zeta (Richton Park), Tau Xi Zeta (Forest Park), Tau Psi Zeta (Alsip), Omega Pi Zeta (Evanston) and Psi Psi Zeta (Chicago). Together, all of these chapters will be honoring Zeta Phi Beta's Centennial Year on January 16, 2020 collaboratively throughout Cook County under the initiative entitled 'One Zeta'; and

WHEREAS, in Cook County, as well as worldwide, members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. have given hours of time in the form of community service to the citizens of Cook County as well as raise several thousands of dollars to provide scholarships annually to college bound high school seniors in Illinois. Cook County Chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. participate County Wide in providing outreach services to women, men and children in Cook County as well as globally via National Programs approved by the Sorority such as Z-HOPE (Zetas Helping Other People Excel), which is designed to enhance, cultivate and develop lifestyle choices of a person's health be it mentally or physically, primarily those persons of color as well as Stork's Nest, a cooperative program between the Sorority and the March of Dimes that aims to increase the number of women receiving early and regular prenatal care in an effort to prevent premature births and infant mortality ; and

WHEREAS, nearly all Cook County Graduate Chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. are members of the National Pan Hellenic Council of Chicago, which is a collaborative organization of 40 chapters representing Divine Nine Organizations in the Chicagoland area as a chapter of the National Pan Hellenic Council, formed on May 30, 1930 on the campus of Howard University as a means for Historically Black Greek Letter Organizations to meet, fellowship and engage in cooperative programming and initiatives through various projects, activities and functions; and

WHEREAS, the undergraduate and graduate chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority located in Cook County, Illinois are part of the Great Lakes Region, led by Great Lakes Regional Director Connie V. Pugh and Illinois State Director Dr. Dawn C. Edwards; and

WHEREAS, notable members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. include singer/talk show host Syleena Johnson, Past International President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., comedienne and talk show host Sheryl

Underwood; Violette Anderson, Past International President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. the first African American law school graduate in the State of Illinois and the 1st African American woman to practice law before the United States Supreme Court; the Honorable Willie Whiting, charter member of Zeta Tau Zeta Metropolitan Graduate Chapter - Chicago, Illinois; first woman executive secretary of the Chicago branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); the first black woman to prosecute cases for the City of Chicago in Women's Court and first black woman employed in Northern Illinois as an Assistant United States Attorney who was eventually elected in 1978 to the Circuit Court of Cook County as judge and the first African American woman endorsed by the Regular Democratic Party to run county wide for election; and

WHEREAS, the current Presidents of the Chapters are listed as follows - Zeta Tau Zeta Chapter (Chicago) - Elizabeth Stevenson; Tau Psi Zeta Chapter (Alsip) - Darcell Norwood-Baugh; Tau Alpha Zeta Chapter (Richton Park) - Mersaydes Young; Xi Mu Zeta Chapter (Markham) - Robbin Cooper; Psi Psi Zeta Chapter (Chicago) - Denise Johnson-Bournes; Zeta Zeta (Dolton) Adrienne Kellum McDay; Omega Pi Zeta (Evanston) - Joanna Goodson; Tau Xi Zeta (Forest Park) - Tiffany Jones; Alpha Alpha (Chicago Metropolitan Undergraduate) - Erica Lee; Nu Sigma (Northwestern University) -Brittany Owens; Mu Phi (Loyola University) - Ngozi Ude.

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 celebrate with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. on their Centennial and commend them on their unwavering commitment and inspiring desire to provide true service, to embrace scholarship, to set a standard for Sisterly Love and to define the noble concept of Finer Womanhood; 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 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. International President, Valerie Hollingsworth-Baker; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.- Great Lakes Regional Director Connie V. Pugh, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. - State of Illinois Director Dr. Dawn C. Edwards, to commemorate this momentous occasion.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**20-1206
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**IN CELEBRATION OF TIMOTHY J. FRENZER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, longtime Wilmette Village Manager Timothy J. Frenzer will retire in early 2020 after 27 years of service to the Village of Wilmette; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frenzer is a longtime Illinois resident. He was raised in Algonquin and spent his formative years there. He has been married to his wife Catherine Murray, an attorney, for 31 years. They have four (4) children: Patrick, a veterinarian, and triplet daughters: Caitlin, an attorney; Beth, a marketing professional; and Meagan, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Florida. He is a fan of college football, following both the University of Florida, where his son attended, and the University of Auburn when his daughters graduated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frenzer attended Loyola University in Chicago, where he graduated *summa cum laude*, with a Bachelor of Arts and Honors degree in 1980. He received his Juris Doctor degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, where he graduated *cum laude* in 1983. He began his legal career with the Cook County State's Attorney's office, working in the Criminal Division from 1983-1988 and the Civil Division from 1988-1989. He became a staff attorney for the Central States Health and Welfare and Pension Funds from 1989-1990 and then Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago Department of Law from 1990-1993; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frenzer joined the Village of Wilmette as its Corporation Counsel in January 1993 and served in that role for 15 years until he assumed the role of interim Village Manager. The Village Board unanimously appointed him to Village Manager in July 2009; and

WHEREAS, as a municipal attorney, Mr. Frenzer was a member of the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA). From 2003-2007, he was IMLA Illinois State Chair. In 2007, he was elected IMLA Regional Vice President for the 7th Circuit, a position he held until his appointment as Village Manager. In 2005, Mr. Frenzer received IMLA's national award for Most Outstanding State Chair; and

WHEREAS, as Corporation Counsel, Mr. Frenzer was a member of the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) Attorneys Committee for 16 years and served as its chair for eight (8) of those years. He remains a member of the International Municipal Lawyers Association Home Rule Attorneys Committee. He was also a member of the NWMC Telecommunications Subcommittee that prepared statewide model Ordinances. He also remains a member of the Local Government Committee of the Chicago Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, when he took over as Village Manager, the Village was experiencing serious revenue disruption due to the Great Recession. Frenzer and his team stabilized the Village's finances and reduced costs while maintaining the Village's coveted AAA bond rating and Village services; and

WHEREAS, as Village Manager, Frenzer was the Chief Administrative Officer of the Village. He represented the Village as a Director on the boards of the Northwest Municipal Conference, the Solid Waste

Agency of Northern Cook County, and the Northeast Illinois Public Safety Training Academy. He was also a member of the Northwest Municipal Conference Legislative Committee and its Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Frenzer is a member of the International City/County Management Association, the Illinois City/County Management Association, and the Chicago Metro Managers. He has testified for the Village and Illinois Municipal League in state legislative hearings and works with the Northwest Municipal Conference, Illinois Municipal League, and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus on legislative issues. He has been a speaker at meetings, conferences, and seminars hosted by the Illinois Municipal League, International Municipal Lawyers Association, Chicago Bar Association, Illinois Association of Municipal Management Assistants, and Metro Managers on multiple occasions; and

WHEREAS, during his 27 years with the Village, Frenzer was instrumental in launching initiatives, including the Village Center Master Plan; the revitalization of the Village's downtown; the modernization of its solid waste and recycling collection; and a slate of infrastructure projects, including the West Park Sanitary Storage Facility project; and

WHEREAS, Frenzer also helped negotiate several new wholesale water contracts with other municipalities that generated new revenue for the Village and held down water rates for Wilmette; and

WHEREAS, Wilmette Village President Bob Bielinski said in a statement that he and the Village Board appreciate Frenzer's "many years of dedicated service. Tim took over as Village Manager during very challenging economic times. His steady and thoughtful leadership stabilized, and then improved, the Village's finances and contributed to new economic development and improved resident services"; and **WHEREAS**, when he announced his retirement, Frenzer stated, "Over the years, I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with many elected officials, as well as boards and commission members, and residents. The commitment of the Village Board members to ensuring good government and providing forward-looking leadership has ensured that Wilmette is a very special place in which to live and work."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, celebrates the career of Timothy J. Frenzer, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tendered to Timothy J. Frenzer and his family.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**20-1207
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by
THE HONORABLE LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

HONORING KULMEET “BOB” GALHOTRA

WHEREAS, Kulmeet “Bob” Galhotra retired from the Cook County Public Defender’s Office in December 2019 after serving 29 years as an Assistant Public Defender. At the time of his retirement, he was a supervisor in the Homicide Task Force, a special unit in the Public Defender’s office that represents defendants in homicide and capital cases; and

WHEREAS, born in India - where he was nicknamed “Bob” by family members, for either Bobby Kennedy or the Bollywood film “Bobby”. Galhotra moved to Chicago with his family at age 5. Reflecting on his move, Galhotra remembered that there was snow on the ground the day they arrived. There was not even a word for “snow” in Punjabi, his first language; and

WHEREAS, Bob was raised in Chicago with his brother, who is now a doctor. He started college at Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) as an engineering student but switched majors to English. He graduated with Honors in 1987. After a short internship writing technical manuals, he registered for law school at IIT Chicago Kent Law School. His first experience through a clinic in a criminal courtroom hooked him on criminal defense work. He was hired by the Cook County Public Defender two (2) days after taking the bar exam; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at the Public Defender’s office, Bob has undertaken 30 murder trials in front of juries and nearly 100 bench trials. A number of his cases were widely publicized, including the recent Harris case out of Rockford, Illinois and the Andrew Warren case. Bob successfully negotiated a plea agreement for Warren, who was charged, along with former Northwestern University professor Wyndham Lathem, with the murder of Lathem’s boyfriend; and

WHEREAS, Bob was recognized by his peers for his encyclopedic knowledge of case law and the increasingly technical aspects of criminal law from deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) to cellphone technology. He also had great insight into the temperament and taboos of the judges who decide the fates of the 400 plus indigent murder defendants on the Task Force’s roster; and

WHEREAS, one of Bob’s great accomplishments at the Public Defender’s office was his role in forming AFSCME Local 3315, now the largest union of attorneys in Illinois. He was on the Executive Board from

1998-1999 and served as Vice President from 1999-2001 and in 2007; and served as President from 2002-2006 and 2008-2013. In these positions, he represented approximately 450 rank-and-file Assistant Public Defenders; and

WHEREAS, Bob's commitment to representing indigent defendants was followed closely by his commitment to strengthening the union and ensuring that other public defenders had the support necessary to do their jobs effectively. Through this work he successfully advocated for the recognition of collective bargaining rights for assistant public defenders under local home rule by Cook County Ordinance; managed and organized the participation of the state's largest attorney union in a one-day strike to win a fair contract for front-line public servants in Cook County (7/11/2002); chaired four (4) delegations from Local 3315 to Universal Bargaining with the County; boosted full union dues-paying membership to 100%; amended the local's constitution to lengthen the terms of office from one (1) year to two (2); and implemented an online presence for the Local in 2006; and

WHEREAS, through his work with Local 3315, he also helped advocate for the repeal of the death penalty in Illinois and founded the Jack Carey Memorial Scholarship that recognizes outstanding law clerks at the Public Defender's office. The scholarship has been awarded nearly 50 times since its inception in 2002; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Bob has shown a dedication to public service and has personally and professionally served the needs of many of the County's most vulnerable residents at a time of great need. He achieved a high level of responsibility in his professional life and was recognized by his peers as a great resource to them in the Public Defender's office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, celebrates the work of Kulmeet "Bob" Galhotra, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions he has made to the Citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tendered to Kulmeet "Bob" Galhotra.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

20-1226

RESOLUTION**Sponsored by**

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

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 3-7, 2020 AS BLACK LIVES MATTER AT SCHOOL WEEK.

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter at School is a national coalition organizing for racial justice in education; and

WHEREAS, during the 2017-2018 school year, from February 5 to 9, thousands of educators around the United States wore Black Lives Matter shirts to school and taught lessons about structural racism, intersectional black identities, black history, and anti-racist movements for a nationally organized week of action; and

WHEREAS, during the week of action, educators taught: 1) restorative justice, empathy and loving engagement 2) diversity and globalism 3) trans-affirming, queer affirming and collective values 4) intergenerational black families and black villages; and

WHEREAS, Black Live Matter at School movement developed these demands: 1) end “zero tolerance” discipline, and implement restorative justice 2) hire more black teachers 3) mandate black history and ethnic studies in K-12 curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has 109 school districts, Chicago Public Schools (CPS) being the largest school district; and

WHEREAS, as of December 2019, Chicago Public Schools student body is nearly 90% students of color (46.6% of students are Latinx, 35.9% Black, 10.8% White, 4.2% Asian, and 0.3% Native American); and

WHEREAS, according to the University of Chicago Consortium on School Research (CCSR) (September 2015), black students face suspensions from school at disproportionate rates even when risk factors “such as poverty and low achievement” are controlled for; and

WHEREAS, according to the “Handcuffs in Hallways” report by the Shriver Center (February 2017), “In total, between 2012 and 2016, the police officers assigned to CPS schools accumulated \$2,030,652.00 in misconduct settlements for activities on and off school grounds,” and “of that total, nearly \$1.5 million resulted from excessive use of force against a minor and \$215,000.00 from incidents that occurred on CPS grounds”; and

WHEREAS, discipline, criminalization, and over-policing of black students has proven to be ineffective in the improvement of outcomes, damaging on their health and well-being, and restorative practices are proven to be a powerful tool in the reduction of disproportionate discipline and improved school climate; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Senate Bill 100 was signed in 2015 and intended to address the causes and consequences of the “school-to-prison” pipeline which disproportionately affects Black students. Senate Bill 100 explicitly requires that schools minimize exclusionary discipline practices such as suspension and expulsion; and

WHEREAS, Illinois House Bill 2859 was signed in 1991 and section 27-20.4 of the Illinois School Code mandated that “every public elementary school and high school shall include in its curriculum a unit of instruction studying the events of Black History”; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of ethnic studies and culturally sustaining curricula is of critical importance to supporting the leaning needs of all students, but particularly black students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Cook County proclaims February 3-7, 2020 as Black Lives Matter at School week.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**20-1206
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by
THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**HONORING MR. MARK MITCHELL FOR HIS DEDICATION, COMMITMENT AND
LEADERSHIP TO THE ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Mark M. Mitchell accepted the position of Director of Reentry Services for Teamwork Englewood in January of 2017. He revolutionized the organization’s reentry program in May of that year

to develop a unique best-evidence model that has resulted in over 900 recently released middle-aged returning citizens becoming employed, with the many of them being first time employees; and

WHEREAS, for the past decade, Mr. Mitchell has volunteered as the Senior Reentry Coordinator for the National Alliance for the Empowerment of the Formerly Incarcerated. He is the Co-Founder of the ManUp Spiritual Retreat, a men's recovery-based community that meets annually throughout the United States for the last 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell himself has been detached from the penal system for over 20 years, after spending the bulk of his adult life involved in the Criminal Justice System with over 10 felony convictions. His commitment throughout the second half of his adult life has been to aid individuals whose lives have been impacted by a culture of drugs, crime and incarceration; and

WHEREAS, he has been drug free for 20 years and has an excellent understanding of the challenges one faces while in recovery. Since coming out of prison, he has attained four (4) educational accomplishments: An Associate of Arts in Science; a Bachelor of Arts in Arts (minor in Criminal Justice); as well as two (2) master's degrees in Criminal Justice and Political and Justice Studies; and

WHEREAS, as a prominent figure in the Get Cleared campaign, he has used his knowledge of the Criminal Justice System to assist over 350 ex-offenders in expunging and sealing their criminal records in the last 12 months; and

WHEREAS, as a certified educator for the Community Justice Initiative, Mr. Mitchell has led Know Your Rights workshops to empower community members to invoke their Constitutional Rights when stopped by police. Mr. Mitchell plans to further expand Teamwork Englewood's employment programming with funding from the A2J grant to focus on employment retention efforts; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Government acknowledges Mr. Mark M. Mitchell 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 5.2 million residents of Cook County do hereby recognized Mr. Mark M. Mitchell for his invaluable, dedication, commitment and leadership to the residents of the Englewood 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 Mr. Mark M. Mitchell and copy be placed upon the official record of the honorable body recognizing this auspicious occasion.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**20-1231
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE DENNIS DEER, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, JOHN P. DALEY,
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**

**HONORING THE LADIES OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.
107TH FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION AND FOR THEIR
LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION, AND COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded on January 13, 1913 by 22 collegiate women at Howard University to promote academic excellence and aid those in need; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc three (3) basic principles are scholarship, public service, and sisterhood; and

WHEREAS, these examples have withstood the test of time and are exemplified through the five (5) point programmatic thrust which are: educational development, economic development, political awareness and involvement, international awareness and involvement along with physical and mental health; and **WHEREAS**, in March of 1913, the Founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. performed their first public act of service by participating in the Women's Suffrage March in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was incorporated in 1930; has gone on to grow into an organization with over 300,000 members spanning more than 900 chapters around the world, its members count among them doctors, lawyers, teachers, preachers, technicians, and government officials; and

WHEREAS, some notable Deltas are: Honorable Shirley Chisholm, Rudy Dee Davis, Dr. Dorothy I. Height, Honorable Barbara Jordan, Honorable Carrie P. Meek, Honorable Barbara Watson and Cook County's Honorable Dorothy Brown, Honorable Carol Moseley Braun, Honorable Kim Foxx, Honorable Kim Lightford, Honorable Camille Lilly, Honorable Nyota Figs and Honorable Kari Steele; and

WHEREAS, there are seven (7) chapters of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc in Cook County; Chicago Alumnae, Evanston-North Shore Alumnae, Glen Ellyn Area Alumnae, Joliet Area/South Suburban Alumnae, Lambada, Theta Alpha, and Upsilon Upsilon Chapters; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Alumnae Chapter was established in 1959 with its current headquarters on the southside of Chicago in the historic Bronzeville community and under the leadership of its Acting President Cathy Walker, and Shaunessye Curry, Second Vice President, Chair Program and Planning and Development. Delta Sigma Thea Chicago Alumnae Chapter currently have close to 700 members; and

WHEREAS, chapters in Cook County conduct Deputy Registrar training, serve as Deputy Registrars, promote census outreach efforts, host fraud awareness workshops for Seniors, host the Bernadette Whitt Mental Health Symposium, educating the community of mental health issues, conduct an annual book bag and school supply drive serving hundreds of children in Cook County, provide academic scholarships for college bound students and participate in a host of other programs serving the community; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to congratulate the members of the Cook County Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. on the occasion of the sorority's 107th Anniversary.

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 women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for their leadership, dedication and commitment and hereby proclaimed January 13, 2020 as Delta Sigma Theta Day in Cook County and herewith our sincere gratitude for your service to the community and residents of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution is spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body an official copy of the same be tendered to Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. in honor of this auspicious and esteemed occasion.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**20-1173
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**HONORING DONEGAL IMPORTS FOR THEIR 40 YEAR BUSINESS ANNIVERSARY AND
THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO COOK COUNTY'S DIVERSITY**

WHEREAS, Alex McGrath and Sheila McGrath opened Donegal Imports on November 9, 1979; and

WHEREAS, Donegal Imports is an Irish import store located at 5358 West Devon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60646; and

WHEREAS, Donegal Imports contributes to the diverse make up of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, as of the last United States Census, the Irish population embodies nearly 7.9% of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Donegal Imports connects Cook County to Ireland's rich culture by featuring key cultural mementos and foods such as Waterford crystal, Aran knit sweaters, hats and caps, Irish sausages and rashers; and

WHEREAS, Donegal Imports is also one of the only places where Cook County residents can get access to newspapers directly printed in Ireland in their printed form; and

WHEREAS, every year Donegal Imports supports WGN's Wally Philips and the Neediest Kids Fund by donating a crystal Waterford Chandelier; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, the McGrath Family, owners of Donegal Imports, were voted "Irish Family of the Year," at the Roche Irish Feis; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2019, Donegal Imports celebrated their 40th year in business and more importantly, enriching the diverse landscape of Cook County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners and residents of Cook County honors Donegal Imports for their 40 Year Business Anniversary and their contribution to Cook County's diversity.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**20-1230
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by
THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT AND BILL
LOWRY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

HONORING THE LIFE OF REVEREND MACEO WOODS

WHEREAS, Pastor Maceo Woods, was born on April 23, 1930 on the South side of Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Maceo Woods lived in Chicago and was a Cook County resident who selflessly made extraordinary contributions to gospel music and help organize Chicago's Gospel Music Festival; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Woods, started his gospel music career, it was in 1954 with the release of Amazing Grace that started him on a musical journey that spanned over the course of 50 plus years; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Woods founded Christian Tabernacle Church at 47th and Prairie Street the birthplace of the dynamic Christian Tabernacle choir; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1960's Pastor Woods invited Rev. C.L. Franklin to Chicago for a gospel program and the Detroit minister brought his daughter-Aretha Franklin; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Woods who established a radio show that was an inspirational beacon for night shift works, cabbies, and students. Midnight Gospel which started on WNIB, then moved to WCFL and later WLS Sunday Jubilee Showcase; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Woods, in 2014 was honored with a Legends Award from gospels music's Stellar Awards and was also recognized with a lifetime achievement award from Chicago Gospel Music Awards; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Maceo Woods passed away on January 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, is survived by his son Len Eric Woods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Pastor Maceo Woods and honor the life and memory of this outstanding Cook County resident.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**20-1232
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

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

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF DR. JOHN JAY SHANNON, M.D.

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board President and the members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are pleased to honor Dr. John Jay Shannon, M.D., who served as Chief Executive Officer of the Cook County Health and Hospitals System from 2014 to 2019, for his hard work and dedication toward furthering Cook County's 180-year public health mission of delivering integrated health services with dignity and respect regardless of a patient's ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Shannon's leadership, Cook County Health is continuing a transformative journey, developing innovative and integrative approaches to the fulfillment of Cook County Health's mission by aligning its role as a provider of care, both in traditional and correctional settings, a public health authority and a health plan; and. The journey has included significant investments in outpatient services to shift the system from its historic role as a provider of sick care to a provider of choice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shannon's journey at Cook County Health has included a significant policy shift and investment in outpatient services to shift Cook County Health from its historic role as a provider of sick care to a provider of health care; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shannon spent most of his professional career at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, formerly Cook County Hospital. He first joined the medical staff in 1990 and served in several roles, including Director of the Adult Asthma Clinic, where he led several quality improvement collaborations aimed at improving the delivery of care for asthma patients within the health system and across the County. He also served as an Associate Chair of the Department of Medicine and Chief of the Divisions of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at Stroger; and

WHEREAS, prior to Cook County Health, Dr. Shannon served as Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at Parkland Health & Hospital System in Dallas from 2007-2012. While there, he served for two years as a trustee of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Hospital Council; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shannon is a graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep, earned his bachelor's degree from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama and returned to Cook County to earn a medical degree from Rush Medical College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shannon and his wife Robin are the parents of three (3) adult children and the grandparents of two (2) young boys; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Dr. Shannon, Cook County Health has improved and added patient services and access to care, built the largest Medicaid managed care plan in Cook County despite competing with national brands and made significant and long-overdue upgrades and modernization of the facilities - all while significantly reducing Cook County Health's reliance on local taxpayer support; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Dr. Shannon, Cook County Health has invested substantially in quality and safety improvement initiatives, advocacy initiatives and fiscal stewardship that has led to:

- The Joint Commission accreditation for Stroger, Provident and their associated ambulatory services, Primary Care Medical Home certification for our Community Health Systems.
- The creation of a national model for correctional health that has led to better outcomes for our patients and the dissolution of a ten-year consent decree at the Cook County Jail.
- The establishment of an ophthalmology center and new digital mammography, radiology and nuclear medicine technology at Provident Hospital.
- Integration of behavioral health into primary care and Naloxone distribution at the Cook County Jail as part of an overarching strategy of medication assisted treatment for individuals with opioid use disorders.
- Investment of millions in long-overdue capital equipment replacement.
- Advocacy at every level of government to protect the Affordable Care Act and expanded access to populations historically left behind.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Dr. John J. Shannon is recognized for the positive impact he has made at the Cook County Health and Hospitals System, positioning the Cook County Health to continue its core mission for years to come, and we wish him the best on his future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Dr. John J. Shannon as a symbol of our respect and his dedication to Cook County Health.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**20-1256
RESOLUTION**

**Sponsored by
THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**RECOGNIZING THE VIETNAMESE ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS
FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS EFFORTS FOCUSED ON SERVING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES
AND CELEBRATING THE ANNUAL TET (LUNAR NEW YEAR)
WITH THE COOK COUNTY VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese Association of Illinois (VAI) was founded in 1976, and has since then focused on serving diverse communities of all ethnicities and religions, fostering unity, and promoting the Vietnamese American identity; and

WHEREAS, the VAI has served thousands of Vietnamese Americans and other ethnic communities through facilitating resettlement and citizenship, building community, strengthening cultural heritage and more; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of VAI strongly upholds the values of community development and service through its programs; and

WHEREAS, the VAI uses a multigenerational approach to engage members across various age segments to develop skills and improve the economic wellbeing of the Cook County landscape; and

WHEREAS, among its many achievements, the VAI has also established successful programs in the areas of adult literacy and education, civic engagement and educational development, community empowerment, immigrant resources and youth centered programs; and

WHEREAS, this year, the VAI is celebrating the 2020 Tet (Lunar New Year) and is expecting an attendance of over 450, including elected officials, supporters, community members and their families; and

WHEREAS, since 1985, the VAI has been hosting the Annual Tet to commemorate the Vietnamese heritage with an unwavering commitment to serve all regardless of cultural background and to bring cultural diversity to Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Tet translated means a “Feast of the First Morning of the First Day;” and is an occasion to hope for a better upcoming year and is considered to be the first day of spring.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners and residents of Cook County recognize the Vietnamese Association of Illinois for their tremendous efforts focused on serving diverse communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the residents of Cook County celebrate the Annual Tet (Lunar New Year) with the Cook County Vietnamese community.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

**20-1260
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT, 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,**

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

**HONORING JAMIE JONES FOR HER SERVICE TO COOK COUNTY AND HER
EXAMPLE OF STRENGTH AND BRAVERY**

WHEREAS, Secretary to the Board employee Jamie Jones is leaving Cook County Government in January 2020 after a 20-year career of serving the residents of Cook County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure with Cook County, Jamie gained a reputation as a positive and vibrant personality who was a team player with a determination to always do things right; and

WHEREAS, the former Jamie Humphrey was born in Chicago and grew up as one (1) of three (3) sisters. A 2000 graduate of Willowbrook High School, Jamie would meet David Jones in 1999, who would later turn out to be the love of her life. After being set up to attend a wedding in 2003-Jamie's "Best Date Ever." Jamie and Dave would be married in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Jamie began working for Cook County Highway Department as a summer aide; working and assisting in various divisions of that department including Personnel, Map Division, Design Bureau, Permits Division, and Superintendent of Highways; and

WHEREAS, Jamie began working full-time for Cook County Superintendent of Highways in September, 2000 and assisted the Design Bureau sometime after; and

WHEREAS, from 2003-2008, Jamie worked for Cook County Department of Office Technology as Administrative Assistant to the Director, as well as working at the Technology's Help desk and as timekeeper; and

WHEREAS, Jamie's talents would lead to her move to the Secretary to the Board's office in 2008. Jamie Jones would become the face of the Secretary to the Board's office to most of the public, the Commissioners and staff; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Jamie and Dave would begin the joyous expansion of their family, welcoming their son Nicholas. In 2011, their oldest daughter Emma was born. Four (4) years later, on New Year's Eve, Jamie and Dave were surprised to find out that twins were on the way. Identical twins Irena and Michaela would make their Jones family debut in 2016; and

WHEREAS, while Jamie's growing family would provide a constant source of wonder and excitement, a health challenge would present itself in Jamie. Although breast cancer would try to threaten her happiness, Jamie would not allow the disease to define her. Resolving to fight, Jamie worked closely with her family, friends and medical team, formulated a strategy and beat breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, Jamie would return to work with the same spirit and determination she had before her illness. Jamie would play a key role in improving the live stream of the Cook County Board Meetings and helping to grow the nascent archives and records function in the Secretary to the Board office; and

WHEREAS, despite a recurrence of her cancer in 2019, Jamie and her family refused to allow the disease to win. Faced with a daunting challenge of stopping the spread of this disease a second time, we are extremely happy to say that effort has been successful in stopping the progression of that disease, that Jamie is getting stronger and that she is moving forward and looking onward to each new day; and

WHEREAS, those new days are much brighter and more full with the presence of her family. Being there for them-and the family being there for her-have been essential to Jamie's return to health; and

WHEREAS, to continue her recovery amongst her family-her greatest source of strength-and to live life as fully as possible each day, Jamie is leaving Cook County. While her effervescent presence, attention to detail and positive attitude will be missed in our office, We are glad she will be able to dedicate herself to those she loves and those who love her most, as she lives by the motto, "Make each day meaningful."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million Cook County residents and more than 22,000 employees of Cook County, congratulate Jamie Jones upon the occasion of joining her family to enjoy every moment of life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Jamie's family have patience with her as she repeatedly enjoys her farewell gift--the DVD box set of her all time favorite television show "*The Office: The Complete Series, Seasons 1-9*"; 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 Jamie Jones.

Approved and adopted this 15th of January 2020.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: KAREN A. YARBROUGH, County Clerk

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

ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, that the Consent Calendar meeting do now adjourn to meet again at the same time and same place on February 26, 2020, in accordance with County Board Resolution 19-6267.

The motion prevailed and the meeting stood adjourned.



KAREN A. YARBROUGH
County Clerk