



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

NATIONAL REBUILDING DAY 2014

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together*Metro Chicago (formerly known as Christmas in April), a volunteer organization preserving and revitalizing low-income homes and communities, repaired its first home in suburban Cook County in 1992, and has since rehabilitated more than 1,000 homes; and

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together*Metro Chicago is part of a national nonprofit program, which sponsors National Rebuilding Day across the country and on the last Saturday in April; and

WHEREAS, every year, Rebuilding Together*Metro Chicago selects two neighborhoods, one in the City of Chicago and one in suburban Cook County in which to provide home repair for elderly, disabled, or low income individuals; and

WHEREAS, this year on Saturday, April 26th, low-income homeowners will receive much needed aid as part of National Rebuilding Day 2014; and

WHEREAS, last year more than 3,100 volunteers donated their time and talents to plan and complete hundreds of free home repairs for residents in Cook County. The work completed on National Rebuilding Day in 93 homes, in three nonprofit community facilities and on one landscape project was accomplished by Rebuilding Together*Metro Chicago volunteer teams, including Cook County employees; and

WHEREAS, this year's event will take place in the Chicago neighborhood of West Englewood, and in south suburban Riverdale; and

WHEREAS, repairs focus on keeping homeowners "warm, safe and dry" and also improving access for low-income seniors, veterans and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together*Metro Chicago is an example of Cook County and the City of Chicago's working in partnership with private corporations to assist residents and communities in need.

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, do hereby recognize and express Cook County's sincere gratitude to Rebuilding Together*Metro Chicago and its participating companies, as we work together to restore homes to a warm, safe, and dry condition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners acknowledge April 26, 2014, as National Rebuilding Day in Cook County and, in turn, help to preserve the foundations of our neighborhoods; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Rebuilding Together*Metro Chicago in acknowledgement of its past accomplishments and to a successful upcoming rebuilding day.