



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING PRIDE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month is observed each year in the month of June to center and celebrate the history, successes, stories, work, and ongoing issues of the community; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month was initially inspired by the 1969 Stonewall Uprising and works to achieve equal justice and opportunity for LGBTQIA+ Americans, as well as recognize the impact that LGBTQIA+ individuals have had on society at local, national, and international levels; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Riots were a series of demonstrations in which members of the LGBTQIA+ community protested police raids and harassment; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Riots marked the beginning of the modern LGBTQIA+ rights movement although previous demonstrations and organizing efforts amongst the LGBTQIA+ community preceded; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA+ movement and its allies have fought hard to win the right to one's gender, to marry, and to start families while also continuing to fight against hate speech, hate crimes, and ongoing discrimination targeted at both the personal and legal levels; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA+ community is an important contributor to the diverse and vibrant communities across Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the annual iconic Chicago Pride Parade is one of the largest Pride events in the country during which residents throughout Cook County, Illinois, and the nation have the opportunity to come together, celebrate, and stand as one with the LGBTQIA+ community, their families, and friends; and

WHEREAS, the current national political environment has created very real legal and physical dangers for the LGBTQIA+ community, and as such Cook County must continue to loudly and proudly fight to affirm, welcome, and protect this community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 to be Pride Month in Cook County and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby recommit to strengthening the advancement of equity for the LGBTQIA+ community of Cook County.