



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING DEBRA FIORITO AS THE 16TH DISTRICT'S 2024 PEGGY A. MONTES UNSUNG HEROINE AWARD WINNER

WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month in Cook County, a time to celebrate the contributions of women, and a time to reflect and show gratitude for the impact they have made throughout the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners knows that it is appropriate to honor the contributions of our women residents, particularly in the month of March; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Commissioner Frank J. Aguilar selects Debra Fiorito to be the 16th District's 2024 Peggy A. Montes Unsung Heroine Award Winner because Mrs. Fiorito exemplifies all the qualities that make her a pillar in her community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fiorito is a person worthy of recognition; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fiorito was born in Franklin Park and has lived in Leyden Township for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fiorito is a lifelong public servant and community leader who began her community involvement by organizing local moms from the neighborhood to revitalize an area on Mannheim Road by successfully advocating for the removal of an adult entertainment establishment; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fiorito, inspired by the collective power of women and community organizing, joined the Parent Teacher Association and raised significant funding for local school programs. Shortly after, Mrs. Fiorito was appointed to The Leyden Credit Union Board where she served for four years; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Mrs. Fiorito was elected as Village Clerk of Franklin Park as the first woman to serve in the position and went on to serve two consecutive terms. During this period, she became a lead fundraiser for the Leyden Bears Football team, and helped the facilities establish the first concession stand and other vital resources; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fiorito served as President of the Women's Republican Organization of Leyden Township for 12 years, hosting various fundraisers for local students to receive scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fiorito has dedicated her life to educational and family initiatives, all while raising three children, and continues to stay involved as a Lions Club Member and Appointee for the Redevelopment of Mannheim Road, a local revitalization project; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fiorito has worked closely with local elected officials to bring more resources to her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fiorito continues to inspire women to pursue a career in public services and community organizing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fiorito has lived her life full of grace, humility, and a desire to help the residents of her community; and

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 honor and celebrate Debra Fiorito and her life's work in March 2024.