



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING JAMES DONAHUE UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM SERVICE AT THE DR. JORGE PRIETO FAMILY HEALTH CENTER AND JOHN H. STROGER JR. HOSPITAL OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, James (Jim) Donahue, one of eight children, was born in Chicago to a large Irish family, grew-up with strong beliefs in and commitments to social justice for all; and

WHEREAS, Jim graduated from Loyola University with a bachelor's degree in 1972, earned a Master's Degree in Divinity from St. Mary of the Lake in 1980, and is also a certified Addictions Counselor and a National Certified Recovery Specialist; and

WHEREAS, as a licensed social worker, Jim was hired to work at Cook County's Dr. Jorge Prieto Family Health Center in Little Village as a Medical Social Worker III in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Jim has worked tirelessly to meet the needs of the patients at the Center, and has implemented a number of programs to meet the needs of residents within the broader community of Little Village; and

WHEREAS, Jim has represented the Health Center with distinction as a founding member of the Violence Prevention Collaborative of Little Village; organizer, manager and facilitator of Supportive Services for the Domestic Violence Self Help Group at the Prieto Health Center; and, advisor for the Violence Prevention Emergency Fund, established to help families who are victims of violence with funeral expenses; and

WHEREAS, Jim has been recognized for his tireless work and commitment to the welfare of the community with many awards, including the Nutritional Service Award from WIC, Cook County Superior Service Award, Dr. Jorge Prieto Visionary Award, Enlace Chicago Annual Spirit Award, Mujeres Latinas en Acción award for empowering women who have experienced domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, due to his advocacy and work at the Dr. Jorge Prieto Family Health Center Jim was presented with the All Chicago Emergency Fund 2012 Service Excellence Award for offering Holistic Health Services to the Community; and

WHEREAS, Jim has served in various capacities with several organizations, including Community Representative for the American Cancer Society, Little Village Lawndale High School Health Advisory Board, Roots to Wellness Community Committee to promote mental health services in Little Village, and the National Association of Social Workers; and

WHEREAS, Jim has served as mentor, trainer and supervisor to Loyola University graduate Social Work students in their internships at the Prieto Health Center, and he has served as a role model for Loyola's Family Medicine Residency Training Program at John H. Stroger Hospital and Provident Hospital; and

WHEREAS, after thirty years of dedicated service, Jim chose to retire on December 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate James Donahue for thirty years of extraordinary service and commitment to the patients of Cook County, and thanks him for his dedication to the residents of the community he has served so selflessly and for consistently advocating for the

delivery of quality health care to all patients; 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 James Donahue with our thanks and sincere wishes for good health and happiness during his retirement.