



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING PAULA DRIVER-EVANS FOR HER THREE DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF COOK COUNTY UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Paula Driver-Evans retired from the Cook County Sheriff's Office in 2021; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Paula Driver-Evans was appointed Undersheriff of Cook County, a command-staff role in the Office that enabled her to utilize her relationships and experience to represent the Sheriff's Office before the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the residents of the County; and,

WHEREAS, Undersheriff Driver-Evans was dedicated to ensuring the good work that the Sheriff's Office does every day was equally represented across Cook County in service to its more than 5 million residents, particularly in neighborhoods and communities that most needed that good work; and,

WHEREAS, in her role, Undersheriff Driver-Evans has been a top-level leader in the Sheriff's Office, commanding a thorough understanding of the ins-and-outs of a department of its size and using that knowledge to best advocate for each and every resident of the County; and,

WHEREAS, in the years preceding her appointment, Undersheriff Driver-Evans worked for several years as an assistant to former Undersheriff Zelda Whittler, where she built many relationships; and,

WHEREAS, Undersheriff Driver-Evans has been a critically important member of the Sheriff's Office since her first day on the job, well before she rose to one of the Office's highest ranks; and,

WHEREAS, because she has done her job so well, she leaves the Office well-suited to continue its work going forward during the lingering COVID-19 Pandemic and the difficulties it has caused; and,

WHEREAS, through her dedication to the Cook County Sheriff's Office and its officers, deputies, and employees, she has played an integral role in public safety across Cook County as well as implementing criminal justice reform in her time at the Sheriff's Office; and,

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Undersheriff Driver-Evans helped establish the Sheriff's Office as a leader among 21st Century law enforcement agencies. She is profoundly thanked and honored for her service and dedication; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Sheriff do hereby recognize Undersheriff Paula Driver-Evans for all that she has contributed to Cook County's more than 5 million residents during her career and wish her well in her retirement; 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 Undersheriff Paula Driver-Evans.