



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT FOR BEING AWARDED TWO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES "2016 ACHIEVEMENT" AWARDS

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Facilities Management's mission is to maintain, operate, service, clean, and repair County properties and operating equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Facilities Management is responsible for providing the personnel and supervision needed to remodel, rehabilitate, construct, and install the various facilities, offices, equipment, and devices needed to keep all properties functioning; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Facilities Management recently has been awarded the National Association of Counties (NACo) *2016 Achievement Award* for the program entitled, "Facilities Management Pre-Apprentice Program"; and

WHEREAS, this innovative skilled trades program, with endorsement of President Preckwinkle and the County Board of Commissioners, is coordinated with the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC), the Cook County Painters' District Council #14, the International Brotherhood of Painters, Allied Trades, Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership, and Dawson Skill Center; provides trades exposure, hands-on training, and high school credit for detained youth; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2015, the Cook County Department of Facilities Management began pre-vocational training; and

WHEREAS, the youth cohorts have successfully completed their pre-apprenticeship and have the ability to start the process towards becoming a full apprentice painter and the directional support to pursue any trade; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Facilities Management recently has been awarded a second National Association of Counties (NACo) *2016 Achievement Award* for their programs entitled, "Facilities Management Overtime Reduction"; and

WHEREAS, this innovative program has helped streamline Facilities Management workflow to decrease the amount of overtime hours required; and

WHEREAS, the "Facilities Management Overtime Reduction" program has saved Cook County \$350,000-\$400,000 per year since 2014, totaling \$1,200,000 for a 50% reduction in overall overtime costs; and

WHEREAS, the "Facilities Management Overtime Reduction" program has also helped with overall innovation in performing maintenance and repair services to County properties and operating equipment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners do hereby congratulate Bilqis Jacobs-El, Department Director and the entire staff of the Cook County Department of Facilities Management, for their receipt of these distinguished national awards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body in appreciation of the outstanding work performed by the Cook County Department of Facilities Management in the course of performing its duties needed to keep all Cook County properties functioning efficiently and effectively.