



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY MAY 27, 2024

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1831, Cook County has been blessed with thousands of selfless patriots who devoted their lives to the safety and freedom of their state and nation, no matter the cost; and

WHEREAS, in times of war, Cook County's citizens have sent their beloved brethren into combat far from home, bearing loss of life and limb; and

WHEREAS, Cook County citizens have never failed to fulfill their solemn duty to defend liberty; both for themselves and for others - by military service across the generations; and

WHEREAS, Cook County citizens have given their lives in every American conflict since the County's founding, including the Civil War, the Spanish American War, two World Wars, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, the War on Terrorism, and other conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cook has always honored the immeasurable wartime and peacetime contributions and sacrifice of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the act of remembrance for all fallen service members from one's community is an American tradition that dates back more than a century and a half; and

WHEREAS, by an Act of Congress in 1971, the last Monday of May each year is recognized as a federal Memorial Day in remembrance of all fallen U.S. service members; and

WHEREAS, even today, members of the military are stationed throughout the world, while their families remain in our communities; and

WHEREAS, families praying for the safe return of loved ones experience everyday life in a very different way than others, as their everyday thoughts and feelings never stray far from those they honor and are proud of for serving this great nation; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of our citizens who have answered the call to duty to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, in defense of our democratic principles; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a day set aside to remember and honor our fallen service members who served our nation, in wartime or peacetime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize May 27, 2024 as Memorial Day and ask that on this day of honor, all citizens express their gratitude to our fallen men and women, and their families.