



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Illinois is the traditional homeland of the Council of the Three Fires: The Odawa, Ojibwe and Potawatomi Nations. Many other Tribes like the Miami, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Sac and Fox also called this area home; and

WHEREAS, located at the intersection of several great waterways, Illinois became a site of travel and healing for many Tribes. Native Americans have called this area home since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, in November of 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed a resolution designating November as “Native American Heritage Month”, and

WHEREAS, The United States observes National Native American Heritage Month every year during the month of November in recognition of the essential and unique contributions of Native peoples past and present; and

WHEREAS, 280,985 Illinois residents identified as American Indian or Alaska Native in the 2020 United States Census; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby designates November 2023 as Native American Heritage Month in Cook County and reaffirm our acknowledgement that Cook County is located on land that is the traditional homeland of many Native Tribes and that the Native American community remains a valued and essential partner in Cook County’s present and future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize November as Native American Heritage Month.