



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### RESOLUTION HONORING THE BIG 10 CONFERENCE FOR BUILDING NEW HEADQUARTERS IN COOK COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, the **Big Ten Conference** has recently completed construction on its new headquarters—a three-story, \$20 million, LEED-certified building—located in Rosemont; and

**WHEREAS**, the new headquarters, which is part of Rosemont’s new entertainment district on the east side of the Tri-State Tollway near Balmoral Avenue, employs 40 full-time employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the 3,000-square-foot Big Ten museum on the building’s first floor will be a interactive experience, featuring touch screens and TVs with footage from past games; and

**WHEREAS**, the museum will offer a movie theater-style panoramic area that will allow fans to experience what it feels like to be on the football field or on the foul line in a basketball game; and

**WHEREAS**, **Big Ten Conference** officials estimate the 50,00-square-foot building will host roughly 130 athletic and academic meetings annually and will allow school leaders to share ideas and develop best practices among their institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Big Ten Conference’s** inception can be traced to a meeting of university presidents at Chicago’s Palmer House in 1895. After spending 18 years in Schaumburg, the conference moved to Park Ridge in 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, conference officials began looking again for a new headquarters once they decided the conference had outgrown its location at Higgins and Dee roads in Park Ridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Rosemont location provides easier access to O’Hare Airport, hotels, and restaurants; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the entertainment district, the new facility offers a pedestrian-friendly experience, including free admission to the museum.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby commend the **Big Ten Conference** for remaining in Cook County and constructing this new interactive facility; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the **Big Ten Conference** in honor of its contribution to Cook County.