



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 18, 2022, AS INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY

WHEREAS, On 4 December 2000, the UN General Assembly (UNGA), considering the large and increasing number of migrants in the world, proclaimed 18 December as International Migrants Day; and

WHEREAS, the day was selected to mark the anniversary of the 1990 adoption by UNGA of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families; and

WHEREAS, on International Migrants Day, we recognize the rights, contributions, and struggles of migrants, and reiterate the United States' commitment to support safe, orderly, and humane migration around the world; and

WHEREAS, International Migrants Day is observed throughout many countries, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations through the spread of information on human rights, and through sharing of experiences and the design of actions to ensure the protection of migrants; and

WHEREAS, the estimated number of international migrants has increased over the past five decades and is currently approximately 281 million people are international migrants living in a country other than their country of birth; and

WHEREAS, every year, people around the world face the devastating impacts of conflicts, diseases, disasters, and climate change that force them to migrate; and

WHEREAS, at the end of 2021, a staggering 59.1 million people were internally displaced which 53.2 million were due to conflict and violence while 5.9 million were due to disasters; and

WHEREAS, migrants contribute with their knowledge, networks, and skills to build stronger, more resilient communities and the social and economic landscape can be shaped through impactful decisions to address the challenges and opportunities presented by the global mobility and people on the move; and

WHEREAS, International Migrants Day helps to remind us to work together to ensure that migration is a safe and positive experience for all. Protecting migrants is even more important during the current global Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, International Migrants Day helps individuals learn more about different cultures and the people we are surrounded by and grow as a community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes Sunday, December 18, 2022, as International Migrants Day and applauds the work and dedication of Migrants all over.