



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING JUNE 2020 AS IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, the United States has always been a nation of immigrants, and generations of immigrants from every corner of the globe have built our country's economy and created the unique character of our nation; and

WHEREAS, one in seven Illinois residents is an immigrant, while one in eight is a native-born U.S. citizen with at least one immigrant parent; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has historically been home to the highest concentration of immigrants throughout the state, with foreign-born persons making up nearly a quarter of Cook County's population; and

WHEREAS, immigrants continue to strengthen our economy by growing businesses and creating jobs in Cook County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have provided the United States with unique social and cultural influence, fundamentally enriching the extraordinary character of our nation; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have been tireless leaders not only in securing their own rights and access to equal opportunity, but have also campaigned to create a fairer and more just society for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, this year we recognize the vital contributions immigrants are making to protect our health and safety and keep life moving forward during COVID-19 world pandemic; and

WHEREAS, nearly 20 million immigrants are part of the essential workforce which includes workers in the healthcare, agricultural, food and beverage, grocery, and retail fields all of whom the American public has relied on during this ongoing worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, despite these countless contributions, the role of immigrants in building and enriching the United States has frequently been overlooked and undervalued throughout our history and continuing to the present day; and

WHEREAS, in light of the continuous struggle for justice and equity, immigrants stand in solidarity with the Black community because our strength is in our diversity and unity in our communities is needed for positive and lasting changes in our society; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners is proud to represent a diverse constituency and works with a variety of community leaders to ensure that the voices of Cook County residents from all backgrounds are heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cook County Board President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize that June 2020 is "Immigrant Heritage Month."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body.

