



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **CONGRATULATING CHICAGO GATEWAY GREEN ON ITS 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, Chicago Gateway Green is a not-for-profit dedicated to the greening and beautification of Chicago's gateways and expressways through landscape enhancement, litter and graffiti removal, and the installation of public art; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 the late Donald J. DePorter founded Chicago Gateway Green on the belief that beauty and sustainability go hand-in-hand, and today the public-private partnership continues to lead the charge in greening and beautifying the great city of Chicago together with its partners; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Gateway Green is dedicated to greening and beautifying Chicago's expressways, gateways and neighborhoods and maintains 100 expressway gardens and almost 150 acres of roadside landscapes on all major expressways leading into and out of the city using native shrubs, trees and perennials; and

WHEREAS, the not-for-profit has planted more than 4,000 trees, 80,000 shrubs, 130,000 perennials, and has removed over 1.35 million pounds of refuse from Chicago's expressways since the inception of its Expressway Partnership Program; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Gateway Green has worked in tandem with the City of Chicago and Illinois Department of Transportation to remove graffiti and litter over the 100 miles of expressways within Chicago's borders; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Gateway Green showcases artists' work from 25 Sister Cities along Chicago's gateways and expressways with permanent, large-scale public art that applauds Chicago as an international city of culture; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 Chicago Gateway Green created its marquee annual fundraising event the "Green Tie Ball" and this year marks the 25th anniversary of the event, continuing its fundraising for the organization and raising awareness of its mission to green Chicago; and

WHEREAS, 2016 also marks the 30th anniversary of Chicago Gateway Green and its dedication to greening and beautifying Chicago's expressways, gateways and neighborhoods, efforts that are essential for a successful local economy and a healthy environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, takes great pleasure in thanking Chicago Gateway Green for its 30 years of beautification and environmental initiatives throughout Chicago.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the Official Proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a

suitable copy of the same be tendered to Chicago Gateway Green in commemoration of its 30 year anniversary and in sincere appreciation of the valuable contributions Chicago Gateway Green has made in that time.