



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING WORLD DOULA DAY AND DOULA WEEK IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, March 22, 2024, marks the globally recognized World Doula Day, coinciding with the commencement of Doula Week; and

WHEREAS, the observance of World Doula Day and Doula Week serves as a poignant reminder of the invaluable contributions made by doulas worldwide, recognizing their unwavering dedication to supporting women, newborns, and families during the profound journey of childbirth and the postpartum period; and

WHEREAS, doulas play an instrumental role in fostering the physiological, social, emotional, and psychological well-being of individuals and families, offering guidance, advocacy, and compassionate care throughout the birthing process and beyond; and

WHEREAS, in Cook County we underscore the significance of acknowledging and celebrating the tireless efforts of doulas, emphasizing the importance of empowering these essential caregivers who enhance the childbirth experience and promote holistic health outcomes for mothers, infants, and families; and

WHEREAS, Doula Week provides a platform to raise awareness, honor the legacy, and highlight the pivotal role of doulas in advocating for informed decision-making, maternal autonomy, and inclusive support systems within diverse communities worldwide;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this esteemed body in conjunction with World Doula Day and World Doula Week hereby recognizes and commemorates March 22, 2024, as Doula Day and March 22nd - March 28th as Doula Week in Cook County and extends heartfelt appreciation to all doulas in Cook County and across the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body encourages individuals, organizations, and communities to actively participate in commemorating World Doula Day and Doula Week, acknowledging the profound impact of doulas in nurturing positive birth experiences, fostering maternal-infant bonding, and promoting the well-being of families across the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body as a testament to our collective commitment to honoring and uplifting the vital contributions of doulas in creating a more compassionate and equitable society.