



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING GIANCARLO IANNOTTA FOR HIS FILM, *MY COUNTRY***

**WHEREAS**, local filmmaker, Giancarlo Iannotta, wrote, acted in, directed, and produced the film, *My Country*; and

**WHEREAS**, the first fifteen minutes of the film take place near Lawrence and Cumberland on Chicago's Northwest Side; and

**WHEREAS**, Giancarlo Iannotta's father and uncle emigrated from Molise, Italy, in the late 1950's and moved to that neighborhood on Potawatomie Street in the late 1970's; and

**WHEREAS**, in the film, Giancarlo Iannotta's character, Lucky, goes on a journey from Chicago to Molise to fulfill a request made by his father on his deathbed; and

**WHEREAS**, as the film travels from Rome to Molise, it traverses the Village of Elmwood Park's Sister City, Frosinone, in which there is a Piazza Elmwood Park; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the film, Lucky celebrates and praises Chicago's neighborhoods and tries to convey to his extended Italian family the similarities between Chicago and Molise, as both are "full of love"; and

**WHEREAS**, Giancarlo Iannotta grew up in Elmhurst and attended Montini Catholic High School and then studied Film and Video at Columbia College Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Giancarlo has been writing and directing short films ever since-many similarly shot in and around his uncle's home on the Northwest Side. *My Country* is his first feature and first starring role; and

**WHEREAS**, Giancarlo has more than one hundred films and commercials on his résumé. Some have screened at such respected film festivals as SXSW, Chicago Critics, and Mill Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, *My Country* was nominated for several awards at festivals across the U.S. and in Italy, including the Brooklyn Film Festival and the Italian Contemporary Film Festival; and

**WHEREAS**, *My Country* won several awards, including Best Illinois Film at the Beloit International Film Festival, Audience Favorite at the Route 66 Film Festival, Best Feature Film at the Tampa Bay Underground Film Festival, and Best First Feature Film at WorldFest Houston.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Giancarlo Iannotta for the success of his film, *My Country*; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Giancarlo Iannotta as a token of our appreciation for his work and as inspiration for his continued success.