



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THE RETIREMENT OF RALPH CZERWINSKI

WHEREAS, Ralph Czerwinski is retiring as the Village Administrator from the Village of Morton Grove on July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Ralph has served as Village Administrator for Morton Grove since 2015; and

WHEREAS, Ralph's retirement marks the end of his 50-year career in public service; and

WHEREAS, Ralph grew up in Niles, Illinois, and started his public service career at age 16 when he became employed by the Village of Niles in their Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, Ralph joined the Morton Grove Fire Department in 1975 as a firefighter where he progressed through the ranks and served as Fire Chief from 1990 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, Ralph left the Morton Grove Fire Department to serve as Morton Grove's Village Administrator from 2003 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, Ralph returned to his firefighting roots serving as the Village of Skokie's Fire Chief from 2005 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, Ralph returned to Morton Grove to serve as its Village Administrator from 2015 until his retirement on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Ralph's achievements as Morton Grove's Village Administrator include negotiating a 47-year agreement to purchase water from the city of Evanston resulting in long-term stabilization of the Village's water rates, upgrading the Village's water infrastructure system, resurfacing numerous roadways throughout the Village, renovating an obsolete-26 acre shopping center at Waukegan and Dempster to a popular mixed-use center, attracting sales tax producing businesses to the Village, properly funding public safety pensions, and improving the Village's bond rating; and

WHEREAS, Ralph has been a dear mentor, friend, and colleague to countless people throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Ralph's contributions to Morton Grove, Niles, Skokie, and Cook County will benefit this and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Ralph is excited to spend his retirement with family, including his wife, Michelle, his children, Adam, Paul, Lisa, and John, and his 8 grandchildren;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board acknowledges and congratulates the service and invaluable contributions of Ralph E. Czerwinski on his retirement as the Village Administrator of the Village of Morton Grove; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Ralph Czerwinski, that his service may be so honored.

