



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **BISHOP KEVIN M. BIRMINGHAM, IN MEMORIAM**

**WHEREAS**, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Bishop Kevin Michael Birmingham from our midst; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Birmingham was born to Jeanette Ann Larsen and Joseph James Birmingham on October 7, 1971, the seventh of ten children; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Birmingham attended public primary school in the Chicago Ridge School District in Chicago Ridge, Illinois

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Birmingham graduated from the University of St. Mary of the Lake and Niles College Seminary before being ordained as a priest in May of 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Birmingham felt called to minister to the Latino Catholic community, learning Spanish to better and more meaningfully serve and traveled to Mexico City, where he celebrated his second mass as a priest at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Birmingham began his service spending time with numerous parishes including St. Francis of Assisi in Orland Park, St. Benedict Parish in Blue Island, St. Peter Claver Mission in Robbins, and St. Anne Parish in Hazel Crest; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Birmingham was appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago in September of 2020 titular bishop of Dolia; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Birmingham began working with Cardinal Cupich in November 2014, as the Cardinal's Administrative Secretary, a position he held until June of 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Birmingham is remembered by his fellow clergymen as a genuine, devoted and joyful priest with a reputation for kindness; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Birmingham was known for lighting up the rooms he entered, endearing those around him with a contagious laugh.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Bishop Birmingham and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Bishop Birmingham, that his memory may be so honored and ever cherished.