



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DON JOSE MORENO

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Don Jose Moreno from our midst on April 15, 2022, at the age of 99; and

WHEREAS, Don Jose was born in 1923 in San Luis Potosí, México, and immigrated to the United States in 1941; he moved to Chicago in the late 1950's to work in the railroad industry and pursue his dream of starting his own business; and

WHEREAS, Don Jose's dream came true in 1966 when he opened *La Escondida*, a grocery store in Little Village which was one of the first Mexican businesses in the neighborhood; a few years later he closed *La Escondida* and opened *La Popular* which closed in 1975; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Don Jose gave his son, Mike Moreno Sr. a small loan to open Moreno's Liquors, which remains open today; Don Jose would help open and close the store while still working at Chicago North Western Railway; and

WHEREAS, Don Jose's passion was spending time with his family, playing *loteria* with his friends, and helping his neighbors with home repairs; and

WHEREAS, Don Jose was the loving husband of Antonia; beloved father of Guadalupe Salinas, Mike Moreno Sr., Victoria Perez, Hipolito Moreno, Anthony Moreno, Concepcion Moreno, Luis Moreno, Consuelo Garcia and the late Paula Mayora, Jose Moreno Jr., and Jesus Moreno, and a cherished grandfather and great-grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Don Jose was known for having a strong work ethic, treating everyone with respect, and was loved by all who crossed his path; and

WHEREAS, Don Jose will always be remembered for his entrepreneur spirit and for his generosity in the community. His example has inspired his children and grandchildren to carry on with his legacy and work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Don Jose's spirit will forever be dearly missed by his family, friends, and all who loved him.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the family of Don Jose Moreno so that his memory may be honored and ever cherished.