



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE ORLANDO NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING

WHEREAS, at approximately 2:00 AM on June 12, 2016, an act of hate and terror was inflicted upon the patrons of “Pulse” a popular Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) nightclub in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, there has been a tremendous outpouring of support for the victims, the families who have lost loved ones and the entire Orlando community by people across Cook County, and rest of the nation; and

WHEREAS, this attack is the deadliest mass shooting in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, during this horrific event fifty-three (53) people were injured, and forty-nine (49) people were killed. The names of those killed were: Stanley Almodovar III, 23 years old; Amanda Alvear, 25 years old; Oscar A Aracena-Montero, 26 years old; Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala, 33 years old; Antonio Davon Brown, 29 years old; Darryl Roman Burt II, 29 years old; Angel L. Candelario-Padro, 28 years old; Juan Chevez-Martinez, 25 years old; Luis Daniel Conde, 39 years old; Cory James Connell, 21 years old; Tevin Eugene Crosby, 25 years old; Deonka Deidra Drayton, 32 years old; Simon Adrian Carrillo Fernandez, 31 years old; Leroy Valentin Fernandez, 25 years old; Mercedes Marisol Flores, 26 years old; Peter O. Gonzalez-Cruz, 22 years old; Juan Ramon Guerrero, 22 years old; Paul Terrell Henry, 41 years old; Frank Hernandez, 27 years old; Miguel Angel Honorato, 30 years old; Javier Jorge-Reyes, 40 years old; Jason Benjamin Josaphat, 19 years old; Eddie Jamoldroy Justice, 30 years old; Anthony Luis Laureanodisla, 25 years old; Christopher Andrew Leinonen, 32 years old; Alejandro Barrios Martinez, 21 years old; Brenda Lee Marquez McCool, 49 years old; Gilberto Ramon Silva Menendez, 25 years old; Kimberly Morris, 37 years old; Akyra Monet Murray, 18 years old; Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo, 20 years old; Geraldo A. Ortiz-Jimenez, 25 years old; Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera, 36 years old; Joel Rayon Paniagua, 32 years old; Jean Carlos Mendez Perez, 35 years old; Enrique L. Rios, Jr., 25 years old; Jean C. Nives Rodriguez, 27 years old; Xavier Emmanuel Serrano Rosado, 35 years old; Christopher Joseph Sanfeliz, 24 years old; Yilmery Rodriguez Solivan, 24 years old; Edward Sotomayor Jr., 34 years old; Shane Evan Tomlinson, 33 years old; Martin Benitez Torres, 33 years old; Jonathan Antonio Camuy Vega, 24 years old; Juan P. Rivera Velazquez, 37 years old; Luis S. Vielma, 22 years old; Franky Jimmy Dejesus Velazquez, 50 years old; Luis Daniel Wilson-Leon, 37 years old; Jerald Arthur Wright, 31 years old; and

WHEREAS, the month of June is recognized as LGBT Pride Month, we have yet another reason to stand in unity and solidarity with our LGBT brothers and sisters to celebrate, strengthen, empower, and unify with the LGBT community, their families and allies throughout Cook County, Orlando, the United States of America and the entire world; and

WHEREAS, like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said during his 1963 “Strength to Love” speech: “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do extend their deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the citizens of Orange County and The City of Orlando, all survivors, victims, and those who lost loved ones in this horrific event.

