



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL “MIKE” MILLER FOR HIS 33 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Michael “Mike” Miller has dedicated 33 years to residents of Cook County and the Cook County Sheriff’s Office as the Executive Director of Operations within the Department of Corrections; and,

WHEREAS, Additionally, Executive Director Miller has served in every sworn rank within the Sheriff’s Office, beginning his career in 1988 as an officer and retiring as Executive Director of the Department of Corrections; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Director Miller has worked in every division and unit with the Department of Corrections, making him one of the Sheriff’s most valuable assets within the Department; and,

WHEREAS, throughout his career with the Sheriff’s Office, Executive Director Miller helped guide the Department of Corrections through reform efforts, including but not limited to expanding Jail programs, realizing operational efficiencies and reducing millions in operational and overtime costs, and co-leading DOC’s efforts to reduce recidivism and to expand reentry programs and services ; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Director Miller’s experience in operations in the Department of Corrections led to him becoming the Office’s “go-to individual” as the COVID-19 world pandemic began to arrive in Cook County in March of 2020; and,

WHEREAS, under Executive Director Miller’s leadership, the Department of Corrections was credited by the Centers for Disease Control as a leader in saving the lives of those incarcerated and staff working within the Department as the once-in-a-century pandemic began wreaking havoc around the world; and,

WHEREAS, those efforts have led to scores of formerly incarcerated individuals graduating from the RENEW Project, which trains individuals in demolition skills by demolishing abandoned buildings in the County’s economically-depleted communities; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Director Miller has led numerous additional innovative programming within the Department, helping offer formerly incarcerated individuals training, education and a path out of the criminal justice system; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Director Miller has been a supervisor in the Department of Corrections for over twenty-five years and been a leader, mentor and inspiration to thousands of correctional employees during this period; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Director Miller has helped guide the Department of Corrections and the County as it has worked to modernize and maintain one of the largest single-site jails in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board President, the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Cook County Sheriff do hereby recognize Michael “Mike” Miller for all that he has contributed to the more than 5 million residents of Cook County and wish him well in his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this

Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to Michael “Mike” Miller.