



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF WORTH

WHEREAS, this year the Village of Worth will commemorate the 100th anniversary of its official incorporation; a century ago, on August 29, 1914, a group of 115 citizens met and cast ballots to incorporate as a municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Worth Centennial Commission has planned a yearlong celebration including special post Village Board meeting activities on May 20th celebrating 100 days to the birthday of Worth and also a parade and Worth Days community festival for the weekend of August 22-24th; and

WHEREAS, the Village was named after General William Jenkins Worth, who served in the War of 1812 and the Mexican War; and

WHEREAS, the first permanent settler to the area was John Crandall and his wife Jane; in 1858 he built a home on 111th Street and his descendants still reside in Worth; and

WHEREAS, by 1914 the Village's population had swelled to nearly 300 due to a surge in development and employment as a result of the establishment of a train stop for the Wabash Railroad, the opening of the Worth Horse Race Track which is now Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, and the construction of the Cal-Sag Channel; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Worth became known as the "Friendly Village" and continued to flourish as the 1940s and 1950s saw a boom in population and civic organizations; by 1960 the population had reached 8,196; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Worth takes great pride in the community improvements it has made over the past century and is dedicated to providing the best in services to its 10,844 residents; it is a great place to live, work and raise a family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby congratulate the Village of Worth on the monumental occasion of its 100th anniversary of incorporation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the Village of Worth in honor and recognition of its achievements and let it also be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.