



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ANNOUNCING A NEW FLAG FOR COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Cook County flag is the official banner of Cook County, Illinois, the second-largest county in the United States with a population of over 5.2 million people; and

WHEREAS, in December 2019 the Cook County Board of Commissioners determined that, in celebration of the County's bicentennial anniversary, a new flag would be created to be representative of the bountiful geography, history, culture, and diversity of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, this new flag for Cook County will be selected to symbolize the hopes and dreams of the County and be a beacon for the residents who call it home; and

WHEREAS, nearly 300 submissions, in a digital, hand-drawn, and physical formats, were received from high school students from 40 schools and each of the 17 Districts; and

WHEREAS, key design concepts contemplated by student submissions included equity and inclusivity, justice, the natural lands and waterways, and the coneflower; and

WHEREAS, six finalist designs have undergone careful consideration, review, scoring, and evaluation by the Flag Advisory Panel, members of the Board of Commissioners, and the Cook County Board President to determine the final selection; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the flag titled "I Will" as the new flag of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, "I Will" will fly proudly outside of all County buildings as a reminder of the past achievements and future aspirations that unite all who call Cook County home; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following the passage of this resolution, a flag raising will be held on Daley Plaza for all to celebrate with pride; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate Drew Duffy and Martin Burciaga, the winning student and design mentor, and call for a suitable copy of this resolution to be tendered to as a means of celebrating their iconic mark on Cook County's history.