



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING DR. KENYA KEY ON HER RECEIPT OF THE CHICAGO DEFENDER “WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE” AWARD

WHEREAS, Dr. Kenya Key received her Doctor of Psychology degree from Pepperdine University in 2004; and

WHEREAS, after graduating, Dr. Key held various positions as a mental health specialist, working closely with justice-involved populations in Cook County. Dr. Key worked as a staff psychologist at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center and served as a consulting psychologist for The Women’s Treatment Center, amongst other work; and

WHEREAS, since 2014, Dr. Key has been the Chief of Psychology at the Cook County Health and Hospitals System’s Cermak Health Services at Cook County Jail. There, Dr. Key has done invaluable work, especially delivering mental health services to incarcerated women; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2016, Dr. Kenya Key was honored by the *Chicago Defender* as one of Fifty “Women of Excellence”. The *Chicago Defender* Women of Excellence Award is conferred annually to African American women in Chicago who inspire others through leadership, exceptional achievement, and community service; and

WHEREAS, by receiving this award, Dr. Kenya Key was recognized by her peers and by the Chicago community for her extraordinary strength and commitment to her profession and community; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners extend congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Kenya Key, on her richly deserved receipt of the *Chicago Defender* Women of Excellence Award, and;

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 Dr. Kenya Key in recognition of her achievement.