



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING SARA SCHASTOK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EVANSTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, for the past 14 years, under the attentive guidance of Sara Schastok the Evanston Community Foundation has grown from a project of Evanston United Way with less than \$3 million in assets to a significant force for improvement and social change in Evanston, with assets approaching \$20 million and annual grants of nearly \$900,000. Recent records reveal that the total distributions are on target to exceed \$1.9 million; and

WHEREAS, the Evanston Community Foundation is a major force for good in the community. They work tirelessly to insure that the community is vibrant, inclusive, and just. The foundation builds, connects, and distributes resources and knowledge through local organizations for the common good. They have a proud history of identifying and solving challenges that confront the community; and

WHEREAS, Sara Schastok's passion and visionary thinking lead to major improvements in the region and her impact will continue well after her retirement from the foundation. She delivered the direction and leadership on the team for the Grand Victoria Foundation's Communityworks initiative and served on the Evanston150 steering committee. She currently serves on the Evanston Cradle to Career planning committee, the community advisory committees of St. Francis Hospital and the Center for Civic Engagement at Northwestern, and on the steering committees of the Illinois Early Learning Fellowship, and the Pioneering Healthy Communities Initiative; and

WHEREAS, while being consistently regarded as a hard worker and dedicated team player, Sara Schastok's exceptional abilities have singled her out for distinction. She was named Community Leader of the Year by the Evanston Chamber of Commerce in 2011. The Chamber noted that under her leadership, the ECF had become "a national model for bringing citizens and businesses together, generating the necessary resources, and advancing innovative solutions for critical urban challenges"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the hard work, accomplishments and career of Sara Schastok and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she has made to the citizens of Cook County, Illinois; 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 Sara Schastok.