



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

WHEREAS, the Village of Mount Prospect will be turning 100 on February 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, upon its incorporation in 1917, Mount Prospect had a population of 300 and elected its first mayor, William Busse; and

WHEREAS, in 1919, construction of the vital transportation artery Northwest Highway began, thanks to Cook County Commissioner William Busse; and

WHEREAS, in 1930, Mount Prospect was the only city or village in Cook County that was not out of money during the Great Depression; and

WHEREAS, the largest population growth of Mount Prospect occurred during the land speculation of the 1920s and then during the suburban movements that followed World War II; and

WHEREAS, from 1953-1963, Mount Prospect's School District 57 constructed six schools to accommodate the population boom; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, Randhurst Mall opened and was the largest mall in the Chicago area and the first indoor, air-conditioned mall in the Midwest. It is now known as Randhurst Village-an open-air, mixed-use center that includes retail, hotel, entertainment, office, dining, and other uses; and

WHEREAS, during the 1990s and 2000s, the Village of Mount Prospect focused on downtown redevelopment, taking advantage of the village's great housing stock, high-performing schools, and convenient location to downtown Chicago, O'Hare, interstate highways, and commuter rail lines; and

WHEREAS, Mount Prospect received national recognition when *Business Week Magazine* announced in 2008 that Mount Prospect was the number one place to raise kids, followed in 2010 by *Money Magazine's* claim that the village was one of the "Top 50 Places to Live" in the U.S; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Movoto Real Estate, which ranks cities and towns across America, named Mount Prospect one of the "Top 10 Best Cities in Illinois;" and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, strong municipal leadership and public safety and services have helped Mount Prospect live up to its motto, "Where Friendliness is a Way of Life."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the Village of Mount Prospect on the occasion of its Centennial celebration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a commemorative copy of this resolution be tendered to the Village of Mount Prospect.