



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF KATHY MOORE

WHEREAS, former kindergarten teacher and former State Representative Kathy Moore is being honored as the 2022 Compassion in Action Awardee by Lincoln Park Community Services at their annual Metamorphosis event; and

WHEREAS, Kathy grew up in the Beverly neighborhood of the south side of Chicago, the third of four children. She attended St. Barnabas grade school and Mother McAuley High School. She subsequently attended St. Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana where she met her husband, Tom Moore, a student at Notre Dame. They married shortly after her graduation and have three children, Carey, Brendan, and Molly; and

WHEREAS, Kathy has lived in the Lincoln Park community for more than 50 years and has provided exceptional service to her fellow residents of Lincoln Park; and

WHEREAS, Kathy spent 30 years teaching Kindergarten-Primary grades in Chicago. Her interest in teaching and mentoring extended beyond the classroom. She has taken in homeless DePaul students and befriended and mentored countless other young people who needed a friend; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 after retiring as a teacher, Kathy was appointed to the Illinois House of Representatives by the 11th Legislative District Democratic Committee. Moore served from December 29, 2010 through January 11, 2011. During her short time in the Illinois House of Representative, she took two important votes: one to end the death penalty in Illinois, the second to increase Illinois' income tax allowing the State to begin to address its structural fiscal deficit; and

WHEREAS, Kathy and Tom became active parishioners of St. Clement Church. As part of this involvement, Kathy went on a mission to El Salvador. When parishioners from St. Clement worked with other neighborhood churches in 1985 to start the Lincoln Park Community Shelter, she eagerly joined the work. Her volunteer work for the shelter has included getting up from time to time at the crack of dawn to cook breakfast, organizing groups of people to cook dinner, creating bag lunches for participants, and periodically staying overnight. She also makes lunches for the Friday morning people experiencing homelessness who gather in front of Saint Clements. Her husband observes that since she retired, she is a one-woman social service agency both by joining other activists in the community and by her personal efforts on behalf of friends. For example, there are at least three ladies with serious medical problems that she regularly takes to their doctor appointments; and

WHEREAS, Kathy became involved in One Northside, a community organization working for social justice, working on Affordable Housing issues in the community. A small Lincoln Park group still advocates for Affordable Housing in Lincoln Park; and

WHEREAS, lately, she has become active with the Justice Ministry at St. Clement working on Refugee re-settlement work through the Archdiocese of Chicago, and with the Creation Care Ministry, which works on promoting the principles of Environmental justice and sustainability, both locally and globally. In addition to helping two different Afghan families get settled, she was instrumental in getting one of the family's breadwinner a good job; and

WHEREAS, Kathy is a dedicated super thoughtful grandma to Emmett, Tommy, Annie, Maisie, Adeline, Margaret and Will. According to her husband, she is also an amazing caring giving wife to him and mother to Carey Brendan and

Molly. According to Kathy, none of what she has done would have been possible without the support, encouragement, and patience of the most important influence in her life, her husband Tom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, congratulates Kathy Moore on the well-deserved award that she is receiving, honors the work and contributions of Kathy Moore, 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 same be tendered to Kathy Moore.