



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING EL DÍA DEL NIÑO IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Día Del Niño, otherwise known as Day of the Child, is a culturally significant holiday for Mexicans and Mexican Americans; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has a large population of Mexican Americans who have contributed immensely to our county's culture, economy, and communities; and

WHEREAS, children and their families are highly valued in Mexican culture, and this is reflected in the significance of the day; and

WHEREAS, Día Del Niño is celebrated in Mexico on April 30th; and

WHEREAS, in 1924, Mexican President Alvaro Obregon signed the League of Nations' Declaration of the Rights of the Child; and

WHEREAS, in 1925, on the one-year anniversary of the signing, Mexico declared the first annual Día Del Niño celebration; and

WHEREAS, Día Del Niño calls on the charity of individuals and organizations to support educational, health, economic, recreational, and cultural opportunities for children; and

WHEREAS, popular festivities include, the giving of gifts, music, pinatas, and games; and

WHEREAS, throughout Cook County, municipalities, organizations, and individuals organize Día Del Niño celebrations every year, including the Town of Cicero, the City of Berwyn, the Cicero Mexican Cultural Committee, and local school districts; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's Mexican American community honors their children, families, and culture by continuing to celebrate Día Del Niño throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Cook County understands the importance of supporting children and their families, passing legislation to establish a guaranteed income program, forgive medical debt, and fund violence-prevention initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Cook County knows that continued support for education, health, and recreational initiatives for youth are necessary to increase equitable outcomes in their future; and

WHEREAS, Día Del Niño encompasses Cook County's commitment to supporting youth residents and their families, and calls on our communities to support, protect, and provide for the children of Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf

of the residents of Cook County, do hereby honor and celebrate Día Del Niño in April of 2024.