



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF CHICAGO RIDGE**

**WHEREAS**, this year the Village of Chicago Ridge will commemorate the 100th anniversary of its official incorporation; a century ago, on September 1, 1914, a group of citizens met and cast ballots to incorporate as a municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Chicago Ridge will kick off the year's celebratory events at a Centennial Ball scheduled for April 5, 2014 at Glendora House; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centennial Citizens Committee will plan a parade and community festival for the weekend of September 21st to highlight the best aspects of the Chicago Ridge community; and

**WHEREAS**, Dutch and German farmers were the first permanent settlers to the area during the 1850s; Chicago Ridge got its name from the "ridges" of dirt that were created when eight trainloads of fill were removed from the area and used to fill in the grounds for the Columbian Exposition of 1892; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past century, under continuous, strong and capable Village leadership, a robust industrial and commercial base developed which dramatically increased the population of Chicago Ridge from 176 in 1920, to 5,748 in 1960, and to 14,428 today; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Chicago Ridge takes great pride in the community improvements it has made over the years which include street paving and lights, sewer system installation, establishment of a full-time fire department/paramedics, parks and recreation enhancement, and a 60,000 square foot municipal complex built at no cost to the taxpayers in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Chicago Ridge has become widely known for the success of the Chicago Ridge Mall, the industrial sector at The Park, and RidgeFest, a carnival and concert venue which attracts 20,000 to 30,000 people the last weekend of every July at Freedom Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Chicago Ridge is dedicated to providing the best in services to its residents; it is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby congratulate the Village of Chicago Ridge on the monumental occasion of its 100th anniversary of incorporation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the Village of Chicago Ridge in honor and recognition of its achievements and let it also be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.