



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING IRENE LÓPEZ FOR HER CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITIES OF COOK COUNTY IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month in which we not only highlight the contributions of women in history but also in contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, Irene López was born in Zitacuaro Michoacan on December 11, 1985 to David Lopez and Carolina Lopez; and

WHEREAS, Irene López immigrated to the United States with her family at the age of 4 years old and was raised in the Back of the Yards neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, at a very young age, Irene López began to get involved in extracurricular activities such as the children's choirs at Holy Cross Parish, the Mexican Ballet Folklorico at the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council and the Holy Cross Marimba Ensemble; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 14 years old, Irene López dedicated her life to working with youth through Mayor Daley's YouthNet Program; and

WHEREAS, Irene López later became the after-school program Director at Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council working with the Department of Family and Support Services as Region 4 Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Irene López has had responsibilities ranging from annually planning and developing community events such as back to school events with up to 800 participants, Hoops in the Hood, and leading the Quality of Life Plan through the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC); and

WHEREAS, Irene López was one of the initial members that began the community newspaper The Gate which serves the Back of the Yards community and the surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Irene López is on the board of the Union Impact Center that brings tools necessary for developing physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual growth to youth in various communities; and

WHEREAS, Irene López continues to volunteer her time with community organizations, planning events, and fundraising at her local Parish Holy Cross/Immaculate Heart of Mary; and

WHEREAS, Irene López is also a public servant at Cook County working as a financial counselor at Cook County Health and Hospitals Systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honors Irene López for her continued dedication to the people of Cook County and recognize her this month also known as Women's History Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a

suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Irene López.