



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **A RESOLUTION HONORING ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER RESIDENTS IN COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is recognized as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County celebrates the vast contributions made by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of Asian Pacific Americans in our District's social, economic, and democratic success, as well as its role in making Cook County a great place with diverse culture; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of the particular individuals named below, who have made great contributions and selfless efforts and helped develop a great working relationship with the Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor, Yin Kean, Executive Director of Thinking Beyond, an organization that provided vital resources during the COVID-19 pandemic including masks, test kits, and informational fliers to several AAPI organizations including Shree Swaminarayan Temple & Cultural Center in Streamwood, Malaysian Community in Chicago, Thai American Association in Chicago, Korean Cultural Center of Chicago, Bharatiya Senior Citizens of Chicago, a Sikh Religious Center, and the American Association of Retired Asians. Her work during the pandemic reached hundreds of AAPI Cook County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor, Sunil Shah, founder of Federation of Indian Associations, Chicago and a successful insurance business entrepreneur based in Greater Chicago District; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor, Neil Khot, founding Member of Federation of Indian Associations, Chicago, founder and CEO of Rely Services Inc., a global information technology and BPO organization and President of Woodfield Office Condo Association; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor, Dr. Anuja Gupta, a physician and real estate developer by profession, Co-Founding Member of Women's Empowerment Campaign Chicago (WE), a networking & empowerment platform for Indian & Southeast Asian women entrepreneurs in Chicago and Managing Partner of Verandah Retirement Community, a senior living facility in Schaumburg Township designed to uniquely serve both Indian & American lifestyles; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor, Dr. Umang Patel, MD, an Internal Medicine Specialist, with over 25 years of experience providing care in Chicagoland area. Dr. Patel recently donated a large sum to provide relief and medical supplies to India; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor, Dr. Sreenivas Reddy, a board-certified Diagnostic Radiologist with fellowship training in Vascular and Interventional Radiology from Rush-Presbyterian- St. Luke's Center, Chicago. He is a member of Society of Interventional Radiology, American College of Phlebology and Radiological Society of North America and he is a very active member of Chicago Medical Society and Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS); and

**WHEREAS**, we honor, Annu Khot, an attorney by education to now the Managing Partner of Rely Services and an investor in local healthcare and cannabis businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County's strength is in its diversity and these individuals are an example of that; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor the individuals listed above for the outstanding work they do in Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to the honorees listed above.