

Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Title:	PROPOSED RESOLUTION					
	NATIONAL REBUILDING DAY 2021 RESOLUTION					
	WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago, a volunteer organization preserving and revitalizing low-income homes and communities, repaired its first home in suburban Cook County in 1992, and has since rehabilitated nearly 1,900 homes, as well as assisted in the development of essential community centers and gardens; and					
	WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago is part of a national nonprofit program, which sponsors National Rebuilding Day across the country on the last Saturday in April; and					
	WHEREAS, every year Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago selects two neighborhoods in Cook County in which to provide home repair for elderly, disabled, or low income individuals; and					
	WHEREAS, more than 3,000 volunteers annually, including Cook County employees, donate their time and talents to plan and complete hundreds of free home repairs for residents in Cook County through Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago's volunteer teams; and					
	WHEREAS, repairs typically focus on keeping homeowners "warm, safe and dry" and also improv access for low-income seniors, veterans and people with disabilities.					
	declared that COVID-19, a nov through respiratory transmission	ary 27, 2020 the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services 0-19, a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people ransmissions, presents a public health emergency, and the World Health ed COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, ere taken to ensure the effects of COVID-19 were mitigated and minimized and sidents remain safe and secure; and ing Together Metro Chicago made the difficult decision to cancel 2020 National rities, avoiding in-home repairs that could put anyone at risk; and				
		ng Together Metro Chicago sought new and meaningful ways to continue to remain true to their mission; and				
	cloth facemasks, 1,580 ounces furnace and boiler tune-ups, bu	gether Metro Chicago quickly adapted to this new reality and provided 400 nces of hand sanitizer, delivered 9,000 lbs of groceries, conducted 56 s, built 200 learn-at-home student desks, created 100 address placards to tifying homes, and fabricated 40 COVID-safe partitions for local shelters.				
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		SOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution b ago in acknowledgment of its past accomplishmen	
	and Bureau of Asset County's annual proje	SOLVED, that the Bureau of Economic Developm Management be recognized for their ongoing efforect scope and determining repairs that will be con for National Rebuilding Day activities; and	orts in determining Cook
	Economic Developme work annually with Re	SOLVED, that various departments, including but ent, Bureau of Administration, and the Bureau of ebuilding Together Metro Chicago to determine p ojects and coordinate volunteers annually for Nat	Asset Management continue to roject scope for the Cook
	Commissioners, on b County's sincere grat	, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the C ehalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby itude to Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago and estore homes to a warm, safe, and dry condition;	recognize and express Cook its participating companies, as
	governments working need; and	in partnership with private corporations to assist	residents and communities in

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WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago is part of a national nonprofit program, which sponsors National Rebuilding Day across the country on the last Saturday in April; and

WHEREAS, every year Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago selects two neighborhoods in Cook County in which to provide home repair for elderly, disabled, or low income individuals; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,000 volunteers annually, including Cook County employees, donate their time and talents to plan and complete hundreds of free home repairs for residents in Cook County through Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago's volunteer teams; and

WHEREAS, repairs typically focus on keeping homeowners "warm, safe and dry" and also improve access for lowincome seniors, veterans and people with disabilities.

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19, a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions, presents a public health emergency, and the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020 and;

WHEREAS, steps were taken to ensure the effects of COVID-19 were mitigated and minimized and that Cook County residents remain safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago made the difficult decision to cancel 2020 National Rebuilding Day activities, avoiding in-home repairs that could put anyone at risk; and

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago sought new and meaningful ways to continue to provide services and remain true to their mission; and

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago quickly adapted to this new reality and provided 400 cloth facemasks, 1,580 ounces of hand sanitizer, delivered 9,000 lbs of groceries, conducted 56 furnace and boiler tune-ups, built 200 learn-at-home student desks, created 100 address placards to aid first responders in identifying homes, and fabricated 40 COVID-safe partitions for local shelters.

WHEREAS, this year Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago is cautious but optimistic. As such, services to homeowners will continue in a manner that keeps volunteers and homeowners safe. Rebuilding Together hopes to resume home repairs in a phased approach as our nation moves towards restoration.

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago is an example of Cook County and other local governments working in partnership with private corporations to assist residents and communities in need; 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 recognize and express Cook County's sincere gratitude to Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago and its participating companies, as we work together to restore homes to a warm, safe, and dry condition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that various departments, including but not limited to the Bureau of Economic Development, Bureau of Administration, and the Bureau of Asset Management continue to work annually with Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago to determine project scope for the Cook County sponsored projects and coordinate volunteers annually for National Rebuilding Day activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bureau of Economic Development, Bureau of Administration, and Bureau of Asset Management be recognized for their ongoing efforts in determining Cook County's annual project scope and determining repairs that will be conducted by Cook County employee volunteers for National Rebuilding Day activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago in acknowledgment of its past accomplishments and to a successful upcoming year.