



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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<b>Title:</b>	PROPOSED RESOLUTION				

### HONORING MISS ILLINOIS TEEN USA DAWN PARKS

WHEREAS, Dawn Parks was born January 21, 2003, to Kimberly and DeWayne Parks; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 8, Dawn Parks recalls feeling small and undervalued by teachers, coaches, and peers; and

WHEREAS, Dawn graduated from Rich Township High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Scholastic Bowl, Mathlete Team, Student Agency Board Treasurer, Captain of the Varsity Pompon team, a three-sport athlete: basketball, volleyball, and softball; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dawn Parks is the founder of Stand Tall, an organization focused on empowering young people to be confident in their body; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dawn Parks is mission oriented in giving back to her community by speaking to the youth; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Dawn Parks Pageant accomplishments includes, Miss Prairie State Pre-Teen 2016, International Junior Miss Illinois Jr Teen 2018, Miss Illinois High School America 2020, Miss Teen Illinois International 2021 and the 1st African American to win this title; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dawn Parks was crowned Miss Illinois Teen USA, Monday, May 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dawn is currently a culinary student at Joliet Junior College Culinary Arts, she is currently a member of the Culinary Competition Team and aspires to become a world-renowned chef; and

WHEREAS, at 5'10 inches, Ms. Dawn Parks remains steadfast and immovable in her quest to showing how you can turn pain into purpose; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dawn Parks has partnered with the Dove Self-Esteem project, using their tools and resources to help share her message to embrace all that they are and walk in the body God gave them.; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor and congratulate Dawn Parks on her achievement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to Dawn Parks as a symbol of our respect and esteem...end

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