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COOK COUNTY DECLARES MARCH 1, 2024, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024, AS NATIONAL READING MONTH

WHEREAS, March is National Reading Month, a celebration that encourages reading for all ages and promotes reading as a key feature for learning, social, and professional development; and

WHEREAS, Cook County is committed to furthering the learning and development of all its residents no matter their language, age, or creed; and

WHEREAS, Albert Whitman & Company, an independent children's book publisher and proud partner of Cook County's Project Rainbow, which has provided books, reading material, and educational videos for Cook County residents; and

WHEREAS, Albert Whitman & Company was founded more than a century ago with a goal to make good books that kids want to read, and today continues this tradition, guided by a deeper mission to create stories that also educate and empower children; and

WHEREAS, all Albert Whitman & Company books treat their readers in a caring and respectful manner, helping them to grow intellectually and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, Cook County's Project Rainbow is an initiative that addresses learning loss magnified by COVID-19 with the creation of free early childhood and family programming through the County TV station and a new mobile app, producing new video content, or repurposing existing informative and educational content, to be used by children and families; and

WHEREAS, through its partnership with Project Rainbow, Albert Whitman & Company's library of high -quality content can serve as a learning bridge between classroom and home and help kids develop a lifelong love of reading; and

WHEREAS, Project Rainbow app users will have access to stories from some of Albert Whitman & Company's most popular collections, including civics, financial literacy, women's history, and more; and

WHEREAS, National Reading Month is an annual month of awareness, recognition, and celebration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President, and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby declare March 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024, and the first business week in March as National Reading Month going forward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the State of Illinois.

Sponsors: TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), BRIDGET DEGNEN, DONNA MILLER, TARA S. STAMPS, MAGGIE TREVOR

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