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WHEREAS, Leyden Township is one of twenty-nine townships located in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the area was originally known as Orison, and in the 1840s, farmers began settling there. The Chicago & Pacific Railroad laid tracks through the township in 1870; and

WHEREAS, Leyden Township encompasses portions of several municipalities, including Northlake, Melrose Park, Park Ridge, Norridge, and Bensenville, as well as all of River Grove, Schiller Park, Franklin Park, and Elmwood Park; and

WHEREAS, the township has evolved from its agricultural roots to include a variety of residential and industrial areas; and

WHEREAS, the total population of Leyden Township is 93,096 as of the 2020 census; and

WHEREAS, Unincorporated Leyden Township is home to approximately 10,000 residents. Unincorporated Leyden utilizes the Melrose Park Postal Service and uses the Northlake zip code of 60164. The Leyden Fire Protection District and Cook County Sheriff's Police protect the unincorporated area; and

WHEREAS, currently, Leyden Township’s government provides services to the residents of the included municipalities, as well as a large unincorporated area; and

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WHEREAS, Leyden Township is dedicated to building a stronger community through educational and recreational programming. By offering numerous activities and events, Leyden brings residents with diverse backgrounds and common interests together. Leyden Township currently has five parks, one boxing gym, a community meeting room, and one community center; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby celebrate and honor Leyden Township on their 175th Anniversary in May of 2025.

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