



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE JEWISH COUNCIL ON URBAN AFFAIRS**

**WHEREAS**, the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs (JCUA) was founded in 1964 by Rabbi Robert Marx who was then the Midwest Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (now the Union for Reform Judaism) and a civil rights leader in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception in 1964, the enduring mission of the JCUA has been to combat poverty, racism and anti-Semitism in partnership with Chicago's diverse communities; and

**WHEREAS**, for five decades, the citizens of Cook County have been the beneficiaries of the tireless efforts of the JCUA as a determined advocate for affordable housing, working tirelessly to develop and preserve thousands of units of affordable housing, and advocating for public policies that address the root causes of poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, for five decades the JCUA has been committed to eradicating the causes of social and economic injustice, and to creating positive systemic change for Chicago's most vulnerable neighborhoods and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, during its fifty years of existence, the JCUA has advocated for, and has educated and mobilized a Jewish constituency to create a more just city; and

**WHEREAS**, the JCUA has pioneered many vital programs that benefit the community, one of their signature projects being the Jewish Muslim Community Building Initiative which, recognizing that the Muslim communities were at risk of targeted hate crimes following September 11th, JCUA convened Muslims and Jews to oppose Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism, creating understanding and trust between the two communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the JCUA has been a strong partner on immigration rights organizing, collaborating closely with the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights to stop deportations, support the Dream Act, and achieve rights for immigrants; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of its 5.2 million residents, takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs and herewith honors the progress and impact that it has had in bettering the lives of the citizens of Cook County, Illinois; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs.