

## Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street Chicago, IL

## **Legislation Text**

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## PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRESENCE SAINT FRANCIS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM

WHEREAS Presence Saint Francis Hospital is a nationally recognized, full-service teaching hospital and named one of Chicago's Best Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, since 1974, the Saint Francis Hospital Emergency Medical Services System has been dedicated to providing high quality pre-hospital education, including Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)-Paramedic training; and

WHEREAS, Presence Saint Francis Hospital has been the Emergency Medical Services Resource Hospital for 40 years, providing services to seven communities including: Evanston, Lincolnwood, Northfield, Skokie, Wheeling, Wilmette and Winnetka along with three private providers: Advance, Elite and Superior Ambulance Companies and two non-transport agencies; and

WHEREAS, for 40 years Saint Francis Hospital Emergency Medical Services have provided countless residents of Cook County access to quality emergency care. Quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury. Throughout its 40 year history its members have worked tirelessly to bring the best quality of care to residents; and

WHEREAS, Saint Francis is the designated resource hospital, and as such, collaborates closely with regional Emergency Departments, and colleagues at its associate hospitals, which include Evanston Hospital, Glenbrook Hospital and Skokie Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Francis Emergency Medical Services System, the third oldest EMS System in Illinois, is one of four EMS systems that are incorporated in Illinois Department of Public Health Region X, which covers a large geographic area starting at the northern border of Chicago extending to Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, as a region, in coordination with the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Saint Francis Hospital-Emergency Medical Services Systems works to support multiple regional roles, including authorship of Standard Operating Procedures, Trauma Policy and Procedures, Standards and Practices and Disaster Management Planning; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County takes great pleasure in honoring and celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Presence Saint Francis Emergency Medical Services System and herewith honors the progress and impact they have made 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 Presence Saint Francis Hospital.