



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD PARK**

**WHEREAS**, on April 8, 1914, by a vote of 88 to 64, the Village of Elmwood Park was incorporated, with the majority of women voting in support and the majority of the men against the vote; and

**WHEREAS**, the first village board included Katherine Phelan, grandmother of future Cook County Board President, Richard Phelan; and

**WHEREAS**, Elmwood Park grew from 1000 residents in the 1920s to over 25,000 today, with churches, schools, parks, a library and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the school district operates five schools, offering quality education from pre-kindergarten through high school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village operates a modern library, recreation and aquatic center, three parks, five playgrounds, a public safety building, two fire stations, water reservoir and pumping station, public works center, senior center and municipal building; and

**WHEREAS**, Elmwood Park boasts an active business community, comprised in most part, of family owned businesses, a Chamber of Commerce, several civic and service organizations and youth athletic leagues; and

**WHEREAS**, since its incorporation, the Village has been under the leadership of thirteen presidents, including Elmer Conti, who served for 32 years, John Cullerton, who served for 13 years, Peter Silvestri, who served for 24 years and is currently led by Angelo "Skip" Saviano; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Elmwood Park has been home to NFL Hall of Famer Ray Nitschke; Chicago Cub Ron Santo; Lee Loughnane, member of the band, Chicago; and many others who have contributed to our county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Elmwood Park enjoys close proximity to the City of Chicago and urban attractions, while offering a friendly, small-town atmosphere.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate the Village of Elmwood Park, its administration, staff and residents on their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and wish them continued success and prosperity.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this resolution be prepared to commemorate this centennial celebration.