



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE TRINITY

WHEREAS, First Lutheran Church of the Trinity was founded in 1865 as the first Lutheran church on Chicago's near south side; and

WHEREAS, First Lutheran Church of the Trinity is the third oldest “daughter” to First Immanuel (1124 S. Ashland) established in 1854 and “granddaughter” to First Saint Paul (1301 N. LaSalle) established in 1847; and

WHEREAS, Currently the oldest Christian congregation in the Bridgeport neighborhood of Chicago, First Trinity was originally located on the southeast corner of 25th Place and S. Canal; and

WHEREAS, the church began as a German immigrant parish named “Ev. Luth. Dreieinigkeits” (Evangelical Lutheran Trinity), supported an elementary school, and earned the nickname “Mother Church of the South Side” by numerous branch schools that eventually developed into “daughter” congregations on the south side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Members of the First Lutheran Church of the Trinity believe that the Gospel is a message of liberation, forgiveness, renewed life, and transformation, and that the Gospel is deeply relevant to our lives today; and

WHEREAS, First Lutheran Church of the Trinity is a forward-facing church and welcomes all and any who are interested in becoming part of a faith community; and

WHEREAS, On Sunday November 1, 2015 First Lutheran Church of the Trinity will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, a large part of the mission at First Trinity is to provide a safe place and a place of belonging for people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, for 150 years First Lutheran Church of the Trinity has served as a beacon of hope for the surrounding community, organizing countless charitable actions including clothing drives, meals for the less fortunate, and youth group sleepovers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby congratulate Pastor Tom Gaulke and the congregation of First Lutheran Church of the Trinity on this joyous occasion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the Official Proceedings of this Honorable Body, and that a suitable copy of same be tendered to Pastor Tom Gaulke in commemoration of this occasion and in grateful acknowledgment of the important contributions to Cook County made by First Lutheran Church of the Trinity over the last 150 years.