



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING KATYA NUQUES FOR HER CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITIES OF COOK COUNTY IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month in which we not only highlight the contributions of women in history but also in contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, Katya Nuques was born and raised in Guayaquil, Ecuador; and

WHEREAS, Katya Nuques received a Master in Science of Administration (MSA) in International and Community Development from Andrews University after completing an internship with the United Nations Sustainable Development Division in New York; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Katya Nuques moved to Lima, Perú to serve as the project coordinator for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency in Perú; and

WHEREAS, Katya Nuques' enthusiasm for community involvement drove her to promote participatory approaches in processes such as strategic planning, grant writing and evaluation; and

WHEREAS, Katya Nuques, through her work in international aid work was able to diversify and substantially increase partnerships with multilateral and bilateral cooperation agencies, resulting in a much more diverse project portfolio; and

WHEREAS, Katya Nuques began her calling at Enlace Chicago in 2005 as the Director of Community Schools where she played a substantial role in the expansion of Enlace's community schools network, significantly increasing staff and funding levels and diversifying revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, as Enlace's Director of Education, a role she assumed in 2007, she expanded the organization's involvement in teacher preparation programs, internships and post-secondary access, and led Enlace's participation in coalitions such as the Illinois Federation of Community Schools; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Katya Nuques became the Associate Director of Enlace, overseeing programs in the areas of immigration, education, economic development, health and community engagement, and providing direct support to department directors; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Katya Nuques led the process to develop a partnership with CALA, the Community Activism Law Alliance, and through this partnership community residents from Pilsen, Little Village and Back of the Yards receive free legal services making this clinic a huge success, as there is a very high need for affordable legal services in these communities; and

WHEREAS, Katya Nuques is a board member of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, serves on the Advisory Council for the City of Chicago's Office of New Americans, is a member of the Latino Policy Forum's Immigration Acuerdo, a Leadership Greater Chicago fellow, and the Co-Chair of the Illinois Latino Agenda Representation Committee; and

WHEREAS, she dedicates her personal time and resources to support undocumented students' education; and

WHEREAS, in December 2015, the Enlace Chicago Board of Directors named Katya Nuques the incoming Executive Director, making her the first woman to hold the position for the organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor Katya Nuques for her continued dedication to the communities of Cook County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented Katya Nuques.