



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF ALEXANDER “ALEX” MEDINA**

**WHEREAS**, Alexander “Alex” Medina was born on September 16, 1963 in California, and later lived in Juarez, Chihuahua for 8 years; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1971, Alex and his family moved to the Little Village neighborhood and lived at 30<sup>th</sup> and Christiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Alex attended McCormick Elementary through 4th grade and then transferred to Gary Elementary where he was an avid baseball player; and

**WHEREAS**, Alex graduated 8th grade in 1979 and attended the prestigious Whitney M. Young Magnet High School, excelling in math and music; and

**WHEREAS**, Alex attended DeVry Technical Institute and received his certification in his early twenties and became an electrical apprentice in 1988, and was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 134 for 27 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Alex was assigned to electrical maintenance at McCormick Place before moving to Navy Pier where he worked as the head electrician and conducted the set-up and sound check for famous artists at the Pier’s concert venues; and

**WHEREAS**, inspired by Carlos Santana, Jimi Hendrix, and Eric Clapton, along with other renowned guitar virtuosos, Alex developed a love for playing guitar and joined various local bands and was invited to perform with many other musicians; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years, Alex amassed a collection of guitars, which he would play for guests at block parties; and

**WHEREAS**, Alex shared all his talents, skills and friendship with the community of musicians that were part of his extended family; and

**WHEREAS**, Alex also became committed to social change through electoral political action at the local, state and national levels in the 80’s; which continued to the present; and

**WHEREAS**, Alex was known throughout the years as one of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ward’s top precinct captains for his ability to relate and assist voters, always giving of himself; and

**WHEREAS**, Alex’s civic engagement earned him the reputation of the committed political community activist;

and

**WHEREAS**, Alex was a loving, caring father to his daughter Tali Sol Medina; and

**WHEREAS**, Alex was very active in his daughter's schooling and extracurricular activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Tali Sol was Alex's heart and soul and he always wanted to guide her to see her successes and failures as growing experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, Alex was loving and dedicated to all who surrounded him: his immediate family, his musician brothers and sisters, his political brothers and sisters, and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, Alex's family and friends mourn his loss but his memory will forever be in their hearts, prayers and thoughts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners commemorates the life and legacy of Alexander "Alex" Medina.

**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 to the family of Alex Medina.