



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING GIANNA ARIOLA AND ISABELLA WERNISING FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO FIGHTING CHILDHOOD CANCER

WHEREAS, Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) emerged from the front yard lemonade stand of cancer patient Alexandra "Alex" Scott who, at the age of four, announced that she wanted to hold a lemonade stand to raise money to help find a cure for all children with cancer; and

WHEREAS, since Alex held that first stand, the foundation bearing her name is now a 501(c)3 charity that has raised more than \$140 million toward finding a cure to the disease that took her life; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, when she was only five, Gianna Ariola heard about the foundation on television and decided on her own to start a lemonade stand in Elmwood Park and donate every penny to ALSF; and

WHEREAS, Gianna, now in River Grove, has just completed her fourth year participating in Lemonade Days, conducted by ALSF and held throughout the country the first two weeks of June each year; and

WHEREAS, this year Gianna took on a partner, Isabella Wernsing, who herself had been in the hospital and yearned to help other sick children; and

WHEREAS, Gianna and Isabella, who have just finished third grade, show great entrepreneurship and distribute their own fliers and provide online options as well as in person; and

WHEREAS, Gianna and Isabella are known as caring and generous beyond their years; and

WHEREAS, this year Gianna and Isabella raised \$638, bringing Gianna's four-year total to approximately \$2,300; and

WHEREAS, Gianna and Isabella plan to work in the field of medicine when they grow up and continue to motivate young and old alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and honor Gianna Ariola and Isabella Wernsing for their hard work and dedication to fighting childhood cancer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Gianna and Isabella to encourage their commitment.