



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING HIS HOLINESS MAHANT SWAMI MAHARAJ**

**WHEREAS**, the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha is a spiritual, volunteer driven organization dedicated to improving society through individual growth by fostering the Hindu ideals of faith, unity and selfless service; and

**WHEREAS**, the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Bartlett, Illinois was inaugurated by His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj in 2004, the Mandir has served as a center for spirituality, harmony and service for its members and the surrounding community within Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past thirteen years the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Bartlett has been for thousands of visitors, a center for learning and experiencing Indian culture and Hindu religion and customs; and

**WHEREAS**, His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj appointed His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj as his spiritual successor and the sixth Guru of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Santha; and

**WHEREAS**, His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj will arrive in the United States of America for the first time as the leader and guru of the BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha; and

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday July 9, 2017, he will celebrate the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima at the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Bartlett, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, for millions of Hindus around the world, Guru Purnima marks a day when they honor and express gratitude for their spiritual and academic teachers; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby congratulate His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj on his inaugural visit to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Bartlett and declare July 9, 2017 as “His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj Day”.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of the Honorable body and that a suitable copy be tendered over to His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj.