



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNUAL CHICAGO FOOTBALL CLASSIC

WHEREAS, twenty years ago local businessmen, Mr. Everett Rand, Mr. Tim Rand and Mr. Larry Huggins desired to empower African-American youth to not only complete high school, but also to promote the benefits of attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU); and

WHEREAS, these men created the Chicago Football Classic, an annual battle between HBCU powerhouses held at Soldier Field; and

WHEREAS, additional activities will include a President's Reception, an Official CFC Golf Outing, a Pep Rally in Daley Plaza, an HBCU College Fair and Empowerment Summit, a High School Battle of the Bands, an HBCU Battle of the Bands, a tailgate party, various alumni events, and a Vendor Marketplace; and

WHEREAS, each year the proceeds from this event fund scholarships for local students as well as for students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities; and

WHEREAS, the 20th Annual Chicago Football Classic - featuring the Grambling State University Tigers and the Clark Atlanta University Panthers - will be held on September 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Grambling State University is located in Grambling, Louisiana. Grambling was founded by a group of farmers, the Louisiana Colored Agriculture Relief Association, in rural north Louisiana who wanted to educate others African-Americans in their region. Their school, 'The Colored Industrial and Agricultural School' opened its doors in November 1901. The school would be renamed Grambling State University in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University is located in Atlanta, Georgia. Clark was formed by the 1988 consolidation of Clark College, a four-year undergraduate institution, and Atlanta University, which only offered graduate degrees. In 1957, these two schools joined forces with Morehouse College, Morris Brown College, Spelman College, and Gammon Theological Seminary to create the Atlanta University Center Consortium. Clark Atlanta remains a member of the consortium to this day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on the behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize September 30, 2017, as "**Chicago Football Classic Day**" throughout Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the organizers of the Chicago Football Classic.