



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2018 AS FOOD CHECKOUT DAY AND SALUTING THE EFFORTS OF THE COOK COUNTY FARM BUREAU AND THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF CHICAGOLAND AND NORTHWEST INDIANA

WHEREAS, Food Checkout Day was established in the mid-1990's to recognize the connection between farmers and the safe, nutritious food source they cooperatively grow; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau has celebrated Food Checkout Day by raising cash and food donations for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana (RMHC®-CNI) since 2001; and

WHEREAS, Food Checkout Day will be celebrated at all Chicagoland Ronald McDonald House locations, including the Ronald McDonald House near Advocate, the Ronald McDonald House near Lurie's Children, the Ronald McDonald House near Loyola University Medical Center, and the Ronald McDonald House near UChicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, since 2001 Cook County Farm Bureau members have donated over 930 hours; over 92,800 pounds of food; contributed over \$133,700 in cash donations; and over 2,900 pounds of pop tabs to support Chicagoland's five Ronald McDonald Houses; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Farm Bureau families and partners have donated enough food to feed over 100,800 families;

WHEREAS, RMHC-CNI continues to care for families of children with complex medical issues by providing a "home away from home" to keep families together while their child is receiving medical treatment far from home; and

WHEREAS, every night, 153 families heal together because of the comfort, compassion, and community at the five Ronald McDonald Houses and three Ronald McDonald House family rooms; and

WHEREAS, Food Checkout Day recognizes the connection between farmers and the healthy and nutritious food they grow and care for; and

WHEREAS, the over 47,000 members of the Cook County Farm Bureau including 1,000 farmer members recognize the importance of producing a safe and nutritious food using environmentally sustainable practices; and

WHEREAS, Cook County farmers recognize the need for better access to fresh food throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, despite cash and non-perishable donations there is increased need at all five of RMHC-CNI Cook County houses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognize Tuesday, February 6, 2018 as Food Checkout Day and salute the efforts of the Cook County Farm Bureau and the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana for their efforts to feed those individuals and families in need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy be tendered to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana and the Cook County Farm Bureau for their efforts to feed those individuals and families in need.