



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **COMMEMORATING THE BLACK ENSEMBLE THEATER COMPANY**

**WHEREAS**, Each year, February marks the celebration of Black History month; and,

**WHEREAS**, Black Ensemble Theater, located in Cook County's 10th District, is dedicated to providing programming that helps to heal the damaging effects of racism through its productions and educational outreach programming serving youth and challenged communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Black Ensemble Theater was founded in 1976 by the renowned actress, producer, and playwright Jackie Taylor; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Black Ensemble Theater has grown from a small community arts organization to a vibrant nationally and internationally legendary arts institution; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Black Ensemble Theater is a leader and innovator in the African-American and mainstream arts communities and is recognized as one of the most diverse theaters in the country, producing excellent musical theater; and,

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Black Ensemble Theater is to eradicate racism and its damaging effects upon our society through the utilization of theater arts; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Black Ensemble Theater utilizes theater and educational outreach programs to bring races together in a community which embraces similarities and fosters dialogue, understanding and acceptance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED**, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners commemorates Black Ensemble Theater on its community efforts to eradicate racism and its damaging effects upon our society.