



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS METRO-SUBURBAN

WHEREAS, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Metro-Suburban is a community mental health and social service organization dedicated to building better lives for those affected by mental illness; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Metro-Suburban improves the lives of individuals, families and communities affected by mental illness by providing education, support and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Metro-Suburban partners with 17 local schools to educate students on the signs and symptoms of mental illness, the importance of early detection and treatment, and how to help themselves or a friend in need; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Metro-Suburban believes that by using a young person's testimony in the classroom, it can greatly reduce the stigma associated with mental illness within this generation; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Metro-Suburban operates the oldest free standing Drop-in Center in The State of Illinois, by providing socialization, life skills and job readiness and placement opportunities; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Metro-Suburban partners with five local hospitals including The Hines VA, to provide recovery support and education services making recovery a possibility for psychiatric patients; and,

WHEREAS, NAMI Metro-Suburban currently serves Oak Park, River Forest, Cicero, Berwyn, Lyons and Proviso Township; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Metro-Suburban continues to expand its reach into the western suburbs by providing alternatives to emergency room visits through a Living Room in LaGrange, with a second Living Room location opening in Broadview, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, NAMI Metro-Suburban provides all services, including its family education and family support groups, free of charge; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, recognizes the importance of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Metro-Suburban and its essential contribution to the education and viability of Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to NAMI Metro-Suburban.