



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### HONORING *IRISH-AMERICAN NEWS* AND IBAM, THE IRISH BOOKS, ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

**WHEREAS**, the *Irish-American News* was founded on St. Patrick's Day in 1977 and has provided important news for, and about, the Irish-American community in Chicago since that date; and

**WHEREAS**, founders Cliff and Cathy Carlson have worked incredibly hard to support the educational mission of the *Irish-American News*, which they have run since 1991, and deserve this honor for their commitment to bringing news about the Irish and Irish-American communities to readers; and

**WHEREAS**, both the *Irish-American News* and the Irish Books, Arts and Music Festival, also known as IBAM, have always helped spread news about the peace process in Northern Ireland and have always focused on issues of peace and justice in both Ireland and America; and

**WHEREAS**, IBAM will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018 and its success in facilitating cultural exchange between Ireland and Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, internationally acclaimed cultural leaders including filmmakers, authors and visual artists from Ireland speak at the IBAM Festival every year, providing the Irish-American community in Chicago with important information on their ancestral homeland; 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 *Irish-American News* and the IBAM Festival and their essential contribution to the diversity 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 of *Irish-American News* and the IBAM Festival.