



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE FACIAL PAIN RESEARCH FOUNDATION ON THE OCCASION OF ITS FOURTH ANNUAL “LAUGH YOUR FACE OFF” BENEFIT**

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, May 5, 2018, the fourth annual Laugh Your Face Off Comedy Fundraiser, featuring WGN-TV’s Pat Tomasulo will be held; and

**WHEREAS**, Laugh Your Face Off began in 2015 when Pat and Amy Tomasulo launched the fundraiser to benefit the Facial Pain Research Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Facial Pain Research Foundation is one of the few groups in America funding research to cure trigeminal neuralgia, a nerve disorder doctors classify as one of the most severe pains known; and

**WHEREAS**, Amy Tomasulo has suffered from trigeminal neuralgia since 2001, and the disease strikes roughly 400,000 people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, trigeminal neuralgia strikes without warning, and there are few truly effective treatments; and

**WHEREAS**, after its successful debut in 2015, the Laugh Your Face Off event has raised more than \$630,000 for the Facial Pain Research Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, the fourth annual event will be a fun-filled evening held at Park West, featuring performances from Pat Tomasulo and some of Chicago’s other top comedians; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 95 percent of donated funds go to the Facial Pain Research Foundation, which is supporting research focusing on repairing the fragile coating of the nerve, deciphering the role DNA plays in facial pain, using stem cells to rebuild and repair the nerve, and mapping pain pathways to the brain in order to block pain signals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor the Facial Pain Research Foundation for the important work it does for those afflicted with trigeminal neuralgia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to the Facial Pain Research Foundation on the occasion of its fourth annual Laugh Your Face Off Comedy Fundraiser.