



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF ANIMAL AND RABIES CONTROL, DONNA M. ALEXANDER, VMD

WHEREAS, Dr. Donna M. Alexander was born in East Orange, New Jersey on October 24, 1956; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alexander received her undergraduate and Veterinariae Medicinae Doctoris degree from the University of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, while at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Alexander was the winner of the New Bolton Esquire Award (1982), published in the Journal of Biochemistry (1978), and Journal of Animal Behavior (1982); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alexander helped catapult a historic decrease in animal euthanasia while previously working at Chicago Animal Care and Control from 1989 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alexander, a true advocate who dedicated her life's work in the caring of all animals, began her Cook County career in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donna Alexander vaccinated 4,500 animals every summer and even had the procedure timed to 15 seconds per shot; and

WHEREAS, this past week would have been the first mobile animal clinic headed by Dr. Alexander; and

WHEREAS, as tradition, Dr. Alexander would have performed every single shot like she has in the past; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alexander also had other talents. Upon winning America's Junior Miss for 1974, she represented New Jersey and was given the grand opportunity to be a "Breck Girl."; and

WHEREAS, she was the first black woman to be chosen for the renowned shampoo campaign at age 17; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alexander appeared in magazines such as Seventeen, Glamour and Mademoiselle and even had a few modeling jobs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alexander was a voracious reader, avid Scrabble and Jeopardy player, excellent cook that liked to prepare exotic meals from different ethnic groups, and famously known for wearing socks that depicted animals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alexander was called home on May 29th, 2018 and has rejoined her sister Joyce Alexander Walker; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alexander is survived by her mother Kathryn Edna Alexander; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alexander will be sorely missed by colleagues, friends, family and also all the animals throughout Cook County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners, commemorate the life of

Dr. Donna M. Alexander, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the contributions she has made to the citizens and animals of Cook County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be tendered to the family of Dr. Donna M. Alexander.