



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### HONORING THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE RUTH M. ROTHSTEIN CORE CENTER

**WHEREAS** in 1998, the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center was established as a partnership between the Cook County Health and Hospital System and RUSH University Medical Center as a clinic in Chicago for the prevention, care and research of HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases; and

**WHEREAS** the mission of the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center is to provide the highest quality care for persons and families affected by infectious diseases, with respect, dignity and compassion, without regard to the ability to pay; to ensure a patient-centered and consumer-guided environment; and to seek to better understand and to prevent these diseases through education and research; and

**WHEREAS** the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center uses a “one stop shopping” model to offer patients all the services they need under one roof including primary and specialty medical care, dental care and social and support services; and

**WHEREAS** the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center offers an onsite screening clinic that provides confidential testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases and confidential counseling and testing for HIV; and

**WHEREAS** the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center implemented Project Connect in 2012, a transitional care coordination program to help stabilize the health status of HIV patients who are newly diagnosed; and

**WHEREAS** the staff at the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center has received funding and collaborated with the Chicago Community Trust, Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS, Chicago Department of Public Health, Gilead’s HIV Focus, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, Grant Healthcare Foundation, Michael Reese Health Trust and the Polk Brothers Foundation; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County does hereby applaud the staff at the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center for providing 20 years of quality health care services to people living with HIV/AIDS in Cook County; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Cook County also commends the research staff at the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center for providing 20 years of leadership in infectious disease research that has helped patients live longer, more comfortable and independent lives; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this text be spread upon the Official Proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center to commend the quality services the Center has provided patients over the last 20 years.