

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

WHEREAS, Hunger remains a pervasive problem in the United States, specifically in Illinois, more than 1.4 million people struggle with hunger and, of them, 459,330 are children; and

WHEREAS, according to Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap Study, one in seven people in Cook County will experience food insecurity this year; and

WHEREAS, among other not-for-profit organizations in Cook County, the Greater Chicago Food Depository has been integral in leading the fight against hunger since 1979, serving more than 812,000 individuals or 232,100 households each year throughout Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Chicago Food Depository's only mission is to provide food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in our community; and

WHEREAS, last year, the Food Depository distributed 70 million pounds of food, 38 percent which was fresh produce through its partnerships with 700 agencies and programs including pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and responses for children, older adults and veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Chicago Food Depository serves as a model of innovation and service for food banks across the nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and express Cook County's support for the Holiday Food Drive for the Greater Chicago Food Depository; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that under the leadership of the Bureau of Administration, various Cook County departments and agencies will collaborate with the Greater Chicago Food Depository to plan, coordinate, and otherwise support the Holiday Food Drive for the Greater Chicago Food Depository; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bureau of Administration shall be further authorized to utilize County resources, as necessary, to promote, plan and otherwise support the Holiday Food Drive for the Greater Chicago Food Depository; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby acknowledge and commend the Greater Chicago Food Depository for its continued positive impact; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Greater Chicago Food Depository in expressing Cook County's well wishes for a successful Holiday Food Drive.