



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### HONORING CRYSTAL BARNES AND ARK PRODUCTIONS FOR CREATING *THE LAW OF MOISES* FEATURE FILM

**WHEREAS**, Crystal Barnes received her Bachelor of the Arts in Theater and Communications from Temple University, and is Master of Fine Arts Candidate at Rutgers University; and

**WHEREAS**, Crystal completed her master's degree in Non-Profit Management at Spertus College, but taught herself the business of entertainment, social media and film marketing; and

**WHEREAS**, Crystal started Ark Productions 15 years ago to create works that inspire, motivate and change, and to provide women an opportunity to use their craft and advocate for careers that will transform perspectives and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, Ark Productions has Chicago-specific production goals to use local talent and vendors to bring in revenue that support local businesses primarily on the south and west sides of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Ark Productions exists to create films in which people of color and differently-abled people have the opportunity to be in the spotlight where they might otherwise only be an after-thought or the ever-present stereotype; and

**WHEREAS**, *The Law of Moises*, the first full length feature film by Ark Productions, is a film about a troubled young filmmaker desperate to escape his hometown who discovers his destiny is to save it; and

**WHEREAS**, Ark Productions' goal is to develop 2-3 feature films per year and create a mentoring program for women 30 years and older; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, honor Crystal Barnes and Ark Productions and praise its essential contribution to the cultural viability of Cook County.