



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### RECOGNIZING REBECCA DARR AND WINGS

**WHEREAS**, WINGS Program, Inc. was established in 1985 to provide a pathway to independence for people whose lives have been disrupted by domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of WINGS Program, Inc. is to provide housing, integrated services, education, and advocacy to end domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Rebecca Darr was the Executive Director of WINGS for 15 years before becoming the CEO in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, WINGS is now the largest domestic violence housing agency in Illinois, providing housing, integrated services, education, and advocacy to end domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, WINGS has two emergency shelters and 51 transitional and permanent housing units across the Chicagoland, which can house up to 363 individuals per night; and

**WHEREAS**, WINGS is one of the only domestic violence agency housing both women and men in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 4 men have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner, leading to an estimated 830,000 men abused each year in the United States and every 37.5 seconds a man battered in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 3 women have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner, leading to an estimated 3-4 million women abused each year in the United States and every 9 seconds a woman is battered in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, March is designated as Women's History Month and International Women's Day is March 8; and

**WHEREAS**, WINGS hosts an annual fashion show fundraiser that over 500 people attend; and

**WHEREAS**, WINGS raises funds through their three resale stores to fund their vital work; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Board of the Cook County Commissioners would like to recognize both Rebecca Darr for her exemplary work and the WINGS Program, Inc, for its many years of years of providing services to domestic violence survivors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Rebecca Darr of WINGS Program, Inc.