



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY TREASURE CHEST FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation is a non-profit organization, based in Orland Park, dedicated to supporting pediatric cancer patients and their families by providing a toy, gift or gift cards from a treasure chest; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 1993, seven-year-old Martin Kisel was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia and for three and a half years endured several painful procedures; and

WHEREAS, Colleen Kisel, Martin's mother, would give Martin a toy after each procedure, noticing an immediate joy from the new toy and subsequently a distraction from the pain of the medical procedures; and

WHEREAS, Colleen believed this method would be great for pediatric cancer patients and began a letter writing campaign to solicit donations; and

WHEREAS, in August 1996, Colleen's efforts came to fruition when she officially launched the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation with a donation from Aramark Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation fully and continuously stocks a decorated treasure chest in outpatient areas within cancer treatment centers across the nation; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation opened its 53rd and 54th Treasure Chest Program at Toledo Children's Hospital in Toledo, Ohio and the University of Missouri Woman and Children's Hospital in Columbia, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation provides comfort and distraction from painful pediatric cancer procedures to 13,000 children and teens every month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby recognize Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation and founder Colleen Kisel for her service and generous work provided to children in Cook County and across the nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation founder Colleen Kisel as a means of communicating our appreciation.