



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**ESTABLISHING A PARTNERSHIP AMONG THE DuSABLE MUSEUM, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO, AND COOK COUNTY, TO SECURE AND INSTALL A HISTORICAL MARKER FROM THE EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE MEMORIALIZING THE LOCATION OF THE LYNCHING OF WILLIAM BELL**

**WHEREAS**, the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) has identified that William Bell, an American of African descent, was murdered by a lynch mob in Cook County in the Maxwell Street area of Chicago, on or about October 8, 1924; and

**WHEREAS**, the EJI has created the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, which memorializes lynchings in over 800 counties where they are known to have occurred across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County, the DuSable Museum, and the University of Illinois at Chicago have jointly submitted an application to EJI to receive a marker and install it at an undetermined location; and

**WHEREAS**, engaging in a public acknowledgment of such types of violence is important for the victims, bystanders and survivors who may suffer from trauma related to systematic violence and dehumanization; and

**WHEREAS**, the partners commit to convene and lead a representative group of the County, descendants of Mr. Bell, and other interested parties and organizations to achieve this goal; and

**WHEREAS**, the partners do hereby commit to work in partnership with EJI of Montgomery, Alabama, to secure and install a historical marker, through their Community Remembrance Project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Cook County recognizes the importance of this partnership and undertaking of this project that will shed light on our history.