



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
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## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS VETERAN (“VET”) CENTERS**

**WHEREAS**, On June 13, 1979, Congress passed Public Law 96-22 establishing the Vet Centers within the Department of Veteran’s Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vet Centers were initially designed to provide outreach and specialized treatment and support services to veterans of Vietnam and the Vietnam Era; and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of time they have evolved, and eligibility expanded in order to provide specialized services for all veterans of conflict zones and for veterans who have experienced military sexual trauma; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vet Centers provide a wide range of social and psychological services, including professional readjustment counseling to eligible veterans, active duty service members, including National Guard and Reserve component and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County has five Vet Centers: Evanston, Forest Park, Chicago Orland Park and Chicago Heights; and

**WHEREAS**, Vet Centers are community based and part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners declares the week of June 9<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> as Vet Center Recognition Week in Cook County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of the same be presented to the five Vet Centers in Cook County.