



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL MANSON MUSICAL EDUCATOR AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE MUSICAL ARTS INSTITUTE

WHEREAS, Michael Manson is a graduate of Northwestern University (Bienen School of Music); and

WHEREAS, Michael Manson, the bassist musical educator, executive director and founder incorporated Musical Arts Institute in January 2010; and

WHEREAS, Michael Manson has enjoyed 35 years of career success with artists such as George Duke, Al Jareau, Kirk Whallum, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Michael was compelled to give back to his hometown Chicago, where few role models were accessible for many of our youth; and

WHEREAS, Michael has worked cohesively with co-founder and co-executive director, Lana Manson, to organize an amazing team of professional musicians and educators to provide outstanding music instruction in Chicago's underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, Michael and Lana together have more than 30 years of experience in Music Education, has established an organization to equip students to compete for college scholarships or to achieve a sustainable professional career in music. Recognizing that students within CPS and other highly populated African American communities lacked access to advanced music instruction; and

WHEREAS, The Musical Arts Institute has been acknowledged as one of the top 10 rated non- for-profit organizations in Chicago by greatnonprofits.com; and

WHEREAS, The Musical Arts Institute now serves over 400 community students with the highest quality music instruction, with a staff of 16 highly qualified and certified music educators and support staff; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, shall honor Michael Manson for his dedication and commitment to inner city youth in the Princeton Park Community within the 4th district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is spread upon the permanent record of proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County and that a suitable copy of this resolution will be presented to Michael Manson in recognition of The Musical Arts Institute beacon of excellence that shines brightly in the Chicagoland area.