



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### HONORING CHICAGO UNITED ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**WHEREAS**, the 1968 riots that followed the tragic death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. prompted top business leaders to discuss solutions to local economic instability and racial unrest; and

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1968, Chicago United is a non-profit with a mission to achieve parity in economic opportunity for people of color by advancing multiracial leadership in corporate governance, executive level management and business diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, Chicago United fosters dialogue amongst multiracial senior leadership driving corporate and minority-owned businesses, civic and non-profit leadership in the common goal of creating a stronger social and economic climate for all races; and

**WHEREAS**, Chicago United focuses on three key areas of multiracial leadership: to produce primary research and programs that model actionable strategies to advance inclusive diversity within the business community, to provide a platform that advances strategic relationships between corporations and local minority-owned business enterprises, and to introduce board-ready individuals of color to the business community as vetted candidates for corporate board positions; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 13, 2018, Chicago United released *2018 Inside Inclusion Featuring the Corporate Diversity Profile*, a report reviewing the status of diversity and inclusion progress in Chicago's top corporations; and

**WHEREAS**, Chicago United encourages all public and private institutions to identify steps forward and join the pursuit of diversity and inclusion efforts, 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 congratulate Chicago United on its 50th anniversary and praise their work for the pursuit of diversity and equity in Cook County.