



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING RIVEREDGE HOSPITAL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 55TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Riveredge Hospital, located in Forest Park, Illinois, is among the largest mental health facilities in the region, and

WHEREAS, Riveredge has been serving the needs of the greater Chicagoland area since 1963, and

WHEREAS, since that time, Riveredge has grown to more than 200 beds and has expanded its continuum of care, making treatment possible for all, including children, adolescents and adults, and

WHEREAS, Riveredge is consistently recognized as a Joint Commission Top Performer in its area of expertise, and

WHEREAS, the hospital's leadership team is dedicated to identifying the needs of our community and collaborating with other providers and mental health advocates to address those needs, and

WHEREAS, a recent example of meeting a community need is the opening of an inpatient behavioral health program for adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, the only facility in Illinois with a specialized treatment program for this population, and

WHEREAS, Riveredge is also a leader in the community as staff work in our community to erase mental health stigma, educate on the importance of mental health treatment, and advocate for equity in access to care, and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2018, Riveredge hosted a landmark suicide prevention summit in collaboration with Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance and the Illinois Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the goal of which is to reduce the country's suicide rate by 25 percent by the year 2025, and

WHEREAS, Riveredge celebrated its 55th anniversary in 2018 and will continue in its crucial mission for many years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners that the doctors, nurses, staff and leadership team at Riveredge Hospital are congratulated on the occasion of 55 years of providing quality mental health treatment and thanked for the good work they do in the greater Chicagoland area, western suburbs, and throughout the state of Illinois.