



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE EFFORTS OF TIMOTHY NOONAN TO RESTORE THE MONUMENT DEDICATED TO THE MOTHERS OF FALLEN SOLDIERS IN WORLD WAR I

WHEREAS, Timothy Noonan is a native of the North Beverly neighborhood of Chicago's South Side; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Noonan graduated from Marist High School in 1986 and attended Marquette University where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 30 years, Timothy Noonan has worked for various corporations such as Exelon, Arthur Andersen, EMC Documentum, Hewlett Packard, Sierra Systems, EMC Kazeon-Electronic Discovery, and The Sedona Conference (contributing editor) providing knowledge and expertise in developing enterprise-wide solutions addressing matters of compliance, discovery, strategic records management, and cyber security from mobile devices to the cloud; and

WHEREAS, since 2012, Timothy Noonan has served as Information Governance expert for Aurotech Corporation. In this role, Timothy has led digital forensic investigations by case planning, acquisition, examination, data analysis, presentation and disposition; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Noonan community involvement includes vice president of the Beverly Improvement Association, elected officer of Local School Council at Kate Starr Kellogg Elementary, and the division president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; and

WHEREAS, during a walk with his children, in the Forest Preserves of Cook County, Timothy Noonan discovered the abandoned monument dedicated to the mothers of fallen World War I soldiers. Timothy became inspired to take action, and shortly thereafter, founded The Chicago Council of Gold Star Mothers (CCGSM), a nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration and rebuilding of the memorial located in the Dan Ryan Woods; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Noonan hosted a community meeting at Ridge Park in May 2017 to explore ways for the monument to be restored. Based on this meeting and continuous advocacy efforts, the Forest Preserves of Cook County hosted a decommissioning ceremony at the memorial in November 2017; and

WHEREAS, under Timothy Noonan's leadership, CCGSM successfully restored the Gold Star Mothers monument. A rededication ceremony was hosted in November 2018, before Veteran's Day, and the 100-year anniversary of Armistice Day. During the rededication ceremony, Timothy Noonan and CCGSM were recognized for its efforts to restore the site; and

WHEREAS, the Beverly Area Planning Association (BAPA) named Timothy Noonan the grand marshal of the BAPA's Beverly/Morgan Park/Mt. Greenwood 2019 Memorial Day Parade. The honor of grand marshal was given to Timothy Noonan due to his tireless dedication in restoring the CCGSM in the Dan Ryan Woods; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, does hereby recognize Timothy Noonan for his leadership in restoring the mothers of fallen World War I soldiers memorial in the Forest Preserves of 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 tendered to Timothy Noonan in recognition of this honor.