



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

---

**File #:** 20-1055, **Version:** 1

---

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **CELEBRATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

**WHEREAS**, on February 14, 1920, the League of women Voters ("League") was formed at the Congress Hotel in Chicago Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the league was formed six months prior to, but in anticipation of ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment giving women the right to vote in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, THE League was a political experiment designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters by educating them about issues; and

**WHEREAS**, from the beginning the league determined that it would be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing any political party or individual candidate; and

**WHEREAS**, the League continues today as a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issue, and influences public policy through education and advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, today the League is composed of member in over 700 local, county and states leagues, in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, and Hong Kong; and

**WHEREAS**, among those local leagues in Illinois are thirteen leagues whose over 1800 members are also members of the League of Women Voters of Cook County, and inter-League organization that focuses on the county-wide governments with the County of Cook; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the League first study and then take action on a broad rand of issues after reaching consensus on positions; and

**WHEREAS**, Leagues at all levels, among the other activities, register voters, educate voters by holding candidate forums and publishing voter guides, publish public policy research, and hold meeting on key issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the League is a civic organization that has fought since 1920 to improve government and engage everyone in the decision that impact their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the League will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on February 14, 2020;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners declares February 14, 2020 as a day to celebrate the League of Women voters and its vision of democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.