



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE VIETNAMESE ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS EFFORTS FOCUSED ON SERVING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES AND CELEBRATING THE ANNUAL TET (LUNAR NEW YEAR) WITH THE COOK COUNTY VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese Association of Illinois (VAI) was founded in 1976, and has since then focused on serving diverse communities of all ethnicities and religions, fostering unity, and promoting the Vietnamese American identity; and,

WHEREAS, the VAI has served thousands of Vietnamese Americans and other ethnic communities through facilitating resettlement and citizenship, building community, strengthening cultural heritage and more; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of VAI strongly upholds the values of community development and service through its programs; and,

WHEREAS, the VAI uses a multigenerational approach to engage members across various age segments to develop skills and improve the economic wellbeing of the Cook County landscape; and,

WHEREAS, among its many achievements, the VAI has also established successful programs in the areas of adult literacy and education, civic engagement and educational development, community empowerment, immigrant resources and youth centered programs; and,

WHEREAS, this year, the VAI is celebrating the 2020 Tet (Lunar New Year) and is expecting an attendance of over 450, including elected officials, supporters, community members and their families; and,

WHEREAS, since 1985, the VAI has been hosting the Annual Tet to commemorate the Vietnamese heritage with an unwavering commitment to serve all regardless of cultural background and to bring cultural diversity to Cook County; and,

WHEREAS, Tet translated means a “Feast of the First Morning of the First Day;” and is an occasion to hope for a better upcoming year and is considered to be the first day of spring.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners and residents of Cook County recognize the Vietnamese Association of Illinois for their tremendous efforts focused on serving diverse communities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the residents of Cook County celebrate the Annual Tet (Lunar New Year) with the Cook County Vietnamese community.