



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING JAMIE JONES FOR HER SERVICE TO COOK COUNTY AND HER EXAMPLE OF STRENGTH AND BRAVERY

WHEREAS, Secretary to the Board employee Jamie Jones is leaving Cook County Government in January 2020 after a 20-year career of serving the residents of Cook County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure with Cook County, Jamie gained a reputation as a positive and vibrant personality who was a team player with a determination to always do things right; and

WHEREAS, the former Jamie Humphrey was born in Chicago and grew up as one of three sisters. A 2000 graduate of Willowbrook High School, Jamie would meet David Jones in 1999, who would later turn out to be the love of her life. After being set up to attend a wedding in 2003-Jamie's "Best Date Ever." Jamie and Dave would be married in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Jamie began working for Cook County Highway Department as a summer aide; working and assisting in various divisions of that Department including Personnel, Map Division, Design Bureau, Permits Division, and Superintendent of Highways; and

WHEREAS, Jamie began working full-time for Cook County Superintendent of Highways in September, 2000 and assisted the Design Bureau sometime after; and

WHEREAS, from 2003-2008, Jamie worked for Cook County Department of Office Technology as Administrative Assistant to the Director, as well as working at the Technology's Help desk and as timekeeper; and

WHEREAS, Jamie's talents would lead to her move to the Secretary to the Board's office in 2008. Jamie Jones would become the face of the Secretary to the Board's office to most of the public, the commissioners and staff; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Jamie and Dave would begin the joyous expansion of their family, welcoming their son Nicholas. In 2011, their oldest daughter Emma was born. Four years later, on New Year's Eve, Jamie and Dave were surprised to find out that twins were on the way. Identical twins Irena and Michaela would make their Jones family debut in 2016; and

WHEREAS, while Jamie's growing family would provide a constant source of wonder and excitement, a health challenge would present itself in Jamie. Although breast cancer would try to threaten her happiness, Jamie would not allow the disease to define her. Resolving to fight, Jamie worked closely with her family, friends and medical team, formulated a strategy and beat breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, Jamie would return to work with the same spirit and determination she had before her illness. Jamie would play a key role in improving the live stream of the Cook County Board Meetings and helping to grow the nascent Archives and Records function in the Secretary to the Board office; and

WHEREAS, despite a recurrence of her cancer in 2019, Jamie and her family refused to allow the disease to win. Faced with a daunting challenge of stopping the spread of this disease a second time, we are extremely happy to say that effort has been successful in stopping the progression of that disease, that Jamie is getting stronger and that she is moving

forward and looking onward to each new day.

WHEREAS, those new days are much brighter and more full with the presence of her family. Being there for them-and the family being there for her-have been essential to Jamie's return to health; and

WHEREAS, to continue her recovery amongst her family-her greatest source of strength-and to live life as fully as possible each day, Jamie is leaving Cook County. While her effervescent presence, attention to detail and positive attitude will be missed in our office, We are glad she will be able to dedicate herself to those she loves and those who love her most, as she lives by the motto, "Make each day meaningful;" and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the 5.2 million Cook County residents and more than 22,000 employees of Cook County, congratulate Jamie Jones upon the occasion of joining her family to enjoy every moment of life;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Jamie's family have patience with her as she repeatedly enjoys her farewell gift--the DVD box set of her all time favorite television show "*The Office: The Complete Series, Seasons 1-9.*"

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 Jamie Jones.