



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING PAMELA F. RODRIGUEZ

WHEREAS, Pamela F. Rodriguez, recently retired as President & CEO TASC, Inc., 700 S. Clinton St. Chicago, IL 60607, Cook County, Illinois;

WHEREAS, Ms. Rodriguez was highly qualified for the work she undertook earning a BS in Social Work at Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN in 1978 and an MA in Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL in 1982;

WHEREAS Ms. Rodriguez worked at TASC, Inc. of Illinois (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities) from 1982 on serving as Executive Vice President, Regional Administrator and Quality Manager;

WHEREAS, Ms. Rodriguez served on many boards and commission with distinction including: O Addiction Policy Forum - Advisory Board Cook County (IL), Commission on Social Innovation - Past Member, Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (independent organization in the US executive branch), Practitioner Member by appointment on the Illinois Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice, Past Advisory Board Member Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery, Advisory Council Illinois Juvenile Justice Leadership Council, Illinois Human Services Commission, National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP), Board of Directors of Redeploy Illinois, Oversight Board of Texas Christian University Criminal Justice Partner / Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Treatment Studies (CJ DATS) Steering Committee; Past Member Women's Justice Institute Task Force - Co-chair;

WHEREAS, Ms Rodriguez wrote numerous articles Substance Abuse and Criminal Justice Issues including: Rodriguez, P.F. (2011). Case management for substance abusing offenders. In C. Leukefeld, T.P. Gullotta & J. Gregrich (Eds.), Handbook of evidence-based substance abuse treatment in criminal justice settings (173- 181). New York: Springer; Wexler, H.,Lurigio, A., & Rodriguez, P. (2011). Reforming the Criminal Justice System in the United States Issues and Recommendations. The Prison Journal, 91, 1S-11S; Rodriguez, P. F., & Baille, D. M. (2010). Reforming our expectations about juvenile justice. Reclaiming Children and Youth, 19(2), 43-46; Heaps, M. M., Lurigio, A. J., Rodriguez, P., Lyons, T., & Brookes, L. (2009). Recovery-oriented care for drug- abusing offenders. Addiction Science & Clinical Practice, 5 (1), 31-36.

WHEREAS Ms. Rodriguez brought her unique vision, outstanding administrative skills, and refreshing common sense to every activity she undertook; and grasped the big picture while mastering the details;

WHEREAS Ms. Rodriguez played a key role in reshaping our collective response to addiction and through that shared insight helped reshape and reform our criminal justice system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby recognize and honor Pamela Rodriguez's decades of service to our communities and in particular to those suffering from addiction, and their families and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a ceremonial copy of this resolution be sent to Pam Rodriguez.