



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

2021 UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND NATIONAL VIRTUAL WALK FOR EDUCATION

WHEREAS, in 1943, Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute suggested to the presidents of other private black colleges that they pool their monies and make a united appeal to the national conscience; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 1944, the United Negro College Fund (“UNCF”) was incorporated with twenty-seven member colleges as a not-for-profit entity established to assist its member institutions of higher education to raise funds from the public for their mutual support; and

WHEREAS, the importance of the United Negro College Fund, and the historically Black colleges and universities it supports, promotes the value of higher education as well as the traditional values of family and heritage that have made this nation great; and

WHEREAS, over the past seven decades the UNCF has grown to become the nation’s oldest and most successful African American higher education assistance organization in the country by having raised more than \$5 billion and having helped more than 500,000 students not just attend college, but thrive, graduate and become leaders; and

WHEREAS, each year UNCF awards more than 10,000 student scholarships worth more than \$100 million and provides financial support to 37 historically Black colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, the UNCF raises funds by means of various events including a Walk for Education in various cities of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused UNCF to reimagine the Walk for Education to encourage social distancing, the 38th Annual Chicago Walk for Education has been replaced by UNCF’s National Virtual Walk for Education; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 National Virtual Walk for Education is a nationwide fundraising event to help students become active participants of society through a high-quality education; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 National Virtual Walk for Education is being held online, September 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has proudly supported UNCF’s efforts for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle is the honorary chair for the 2021 UNCF Chicago Virtual Walk for Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and express Cook County’s support for the 2021 UNCF Chicago Virtual Walk for Education and commitment to provide assistance and resources to ensure its success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that under the leadership of the Bureau of Administration, various Cook County departments and agencies will collaborate with UNCF to plan, coordinate, and otherwise support the 2021 UNCF

Chicago Virtual Walk for Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bureau of Administration shall be further authorized to utilize County resources, as necessary, to promote, plan and otherwise support the 2021 UNCF Chicago Virtual Walk for Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby acknowledge and commend the UNCF for its continued positive impact throughout the United States and express the County's sincere appreciation and gratitude for selecting President Preckwinkle as the honorary chair of the 2021 UNCF Chicago Virtual Walk for Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to UNCF in expressing Cook County's well wishes for a successful 2021 National UNCF Virtual Walk for Education.