



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING JOHN VOIT FOR 23 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AT UCP SEGUIN OF GREATER CHICAGO**

**WHEREAS**, John Voit in his 23 years at UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago, has presided over the growth of residential services to serve nearly 300 individuals in more than 75 community integrated homes scattered through more than 30 communities, including those individuals transitioning from state-operated facilities - while ensuring each home is fully accessible and fitted with fire safety equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, John Voit has led agency efforts in the formation of a variety of social enterprises collectively entitled Seguin Enterprises, which for the past nearly two decades, have provided gainful employment for people with IDD while securing discretionary earned income to support services: and

**WHEREAS**, Under John's leadership, UCP Seguin has nearly doubled its foster care services to children and adolescents with specialized medical and behavioral challenges, while emphasizing community inclusion and effective transition into adult services; and

**WHEREAS**, UCP Seguin has responded to the growing population of seniors with IDD, through the establishment of the SeniorCares group home initiatives and the founding of the Betty Scheck Senior Center Day Services program; and

**WHEREAS**, John Voit, drawing from his experience as a parent of a daughter with IDD, led efforts to establish the Building Bridges to the Future transition to adulthood initiative, which now annually supports more than 360 special education students and their families in accessing post-secondary community-inclusive service and education options; and

**WHEREAS**, John's vision for UCP Seguin is to continue to build residential and job creation opportunities for those with disabilities to live their best life, to forge new paths by not only supporting those in care, but also building trust that they will be cared for throughout their lives; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize John Voit, upon his retirement as President/CEO of UCP Seguin on November 9, 2021 for his commitment to the thousands of individuals who benefitted from the IDD community provider system throughout Illinois and for those cared for by UCP Seguin; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a ceremonial copy of this resolution be tendered to John Voit, as a token of the esteem in which she is held by the President of the Cook County Board and the Cook County Board of Commissioners.