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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE LIFE OF YVONNE CISCO, EDUCATOR, COMMUNITY LEADER, AND FOUR TIME CANCER SURVIVOR

WHEREAS, Yvonne Cisco was born on February 25, 1947, in Louisville, Kentucky to the union of Catherine Cash and George Hipps; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne graduated from Hyde Park High School, earned her Associate Degree from Woodrow Wilson (Kennedy-King) College; her Bachelor of Science in Teacher Education from Illinois State University in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne spent the next 12 years teaching in the cities of Los Angeles and Chicago; and

WHEREAS, After years of teaching, Yvonne decided focused her educational career on social work, health advocacy and later earned her Master of Science in Human Services Administration from Spertus University and a Doctorate of Christian Education in Administration from Pepperdine University ; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne was a longtime resident of Cook County, residing in Oak Park, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne's creativity in educational institutions yielded bicultural instructional programs for day care centers, child development departments, elementary schools and human services organizations.

WHEREAS, In 1992, she received Mid-West Regional Winner of the Outstanding Child Welfare Worker Award, in 2014 she was listed a in 2000 Notable American Women, and in 2017 she was given the Humanitarian Award ceremony by the We Dream in Color Foundation, Inc.

WHEREAS, When Yvonne was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 35, she decided to dedicate her life to making a difference in every way she could; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne was longtime volunteer and advocate of the American Cancer Society and the Founder and President of Cisco and Cisco Productions, a nonprofit organization created to advocate for health education and awareness focused specifically on cancer care; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne was a four-time stage 4 cancer survivor over the last 30 years of her life. She consistently collaborated with hospitals throughout Cook County, including her own community of Oak Park, spearheading efforts to care for patients undergoing treatment and providing education and outreach opportunities for families; and

WHEREAS, There are not enough souls like Yvonne that are driven to make a difference through education and dedication to community; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne passed away peacefully on October 5, 2021 after a long bout with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne is survived by husband Taylor A. Cisco, Jr, son Taylor A. Cisco III, daughter Catherine J. Cisco, daughter-in-law Kara Tiggs, and her two grandchildren August and Avery; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne knew she was making a difference because when she attended every cancer walk, there were more and more individuals were showing up for the cause; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Yvonne Cisco and honor the life and memory of this outstanding Cook County resident.

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