



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### RECOGNIZING APRIL 30, 2022, AS *DIA DE LOS NIÑOS* (CHILDREN'S DAY) IN COOK COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, children are our future with inalienable rights, and it is the responsibility of society to ensure their rights are met; and

**WHEREAS**, children are citizens of the world who need emotional and physical stability, and should not be separated from their parents and family; and

**WHEREAS**, children have the right to an education, to enjoy a social life, and build their own futures; and

**WHEREAS**, children have the right to food so that they will not suffer from malnutrition and suffer from hunger; and

**WHEREAS**, children have the right to health, to be protected from illness, and to grow and become healthy adults; and

**WHEREAS**, children have the right to safe drinking water and proper sanitary conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, children have the right to identity by having a surname, first name, and a nationality; and

**WHEREAS**, children have the right to freedom by being able to express themselves, to have opinions, to have access to information, and to participate in decisions that affect their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, children have the right to protection and to live in a secure and caring environment which preserves the child's well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the above rights are also rights given to children who have obtained Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States should have an established national date to give voice to children with a day of their own; and

**WHEREAS**, every year, April 30<sup>th</sup> is recognized in other countries as *Día de los Niños* (Children's Day) and acknowledges and celebrates the achievements and contributions of children; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 2,000 children and families will attend the Chicago *Día de los Niños* /Celebrating Young Americans Parade & Celebration. The parade strives to raise awareness about the importance of education for children; this year's theme are children's rights including DACA students; the guiding principle is education: Every Child, Every DREAM; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chicago *Día de los Niños*, the Chicago Public Schools (CPS), and local businesses will come together to award scholarships to outstanding students as part of the celebration.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes Saturday, April 30, 2022, as *Día de los Niños*/ Children's Day, and applauds the work of the Chicago *Día de los Niños* ' Committee.

