



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING ERIE FAMILY HEALTH DURING NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

WHEREAS, in 1957, Dr. Robert Snyder, an internist at Northwestern University Medical School, began providing onsite medical care for senior citizens at Erie Neighborhood House, a community center for immigrants in West Town; and

WHEREAS, by 1970, Erie Family Health Centers had evolved into a full-service community health center and was officially incorporated as a separate entity from Erie Neighborhood House; and

WHEREAS, today Erie provides care to over 87,000 patients a year, serving people from over 150 zip codes across Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Health and Human Services recognizes Erie as a “Health Center Quality Leader” for providing care that ranks in the top 10% nationally for quality. In 2021, during a continued pandemic, Erie’s quality scores were ranked #1 in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, during the pandemic, Erie has provided over 120,000 COVID-19 vaccines, over 60,000 COVID-19 tests, and care and support to 7,000 patients who tested positive for the virus; and

WHEREAS, Erie Family Health Center and staff are motivated by the belief that healthcare is a human right while providing affordable care to support healthier people, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Erie Family Health Center is celebrating National Health Center Week from August 7th through the 13th in honor of those front-line providers, staff, and beloved patients who have lost their lives during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and members of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, on behalf of the 5.2 million residents of Cook County, celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of Erie Family Health during National Health Center Week.