



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING MISS ILLINOIS TEEN USA DAWN PARKS**

**WHEREAS**, Dawn Parks was born January 21, 2003, to Kimberly and DeWayne Parks; and

**WHEREAS**, at the age of 8, Dawn Parks recalls feeling small and undervalued by teachers, coaches, and peers; and

**WHEREAS**, Dawn graduated from Rich Township High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Scholastic Bowl, Mathlete Team, Student Agency Board Treasurer, Captain of the Varsity Pompon team, a three-sport athlete: basketball, volleyball, and softball; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Dawn Parks is the founder of Stand Tall, an organization focused on empowering young people to be confident in their body; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Dawn Parks is mission oriented in giving back to her community by speaking to the youth; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Dawn Parks gives most of her pageant success to Ms. Aftan Brown, her first pageant coach who inspired her to dream big; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Dawn Parks Pageant accomplishments includes, Miss Prairie State Pre-Teen 2016, International Junior Miss Illinois Jr Teen 2018, Miss Illinois High School America 2020, Miss Teen Illinois International 2021 and the 1<sup>st</sup> African American to win this title; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Dawn Parks was crowned Miss Illinois Teen USA, Monday, May 30, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Dawn is currently a culinary student at Joliet Junior College Culinary Arts, she is currently a member of the Culinary Competition Team and aspires to become a world-renowned chef; and

**WHEREAS**, at 5'10 inches, Ms. Dawn Parks remains steadfast and immovable in her quest to showing how you can turn pain into purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Dawn Parks has partnered with the Dove Self-Esteem project, using their tools and resources to help share her message to embrace all that they are and walk in the body God gave them.; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor and congratulate Dawn Parks on her achievement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body and a suitable copy be presented to Dawn Parks as a symbol of our respect and esteem.