

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF FIESTA DEL SOL

WHEREAS, in 2022, Fiesta del Sol will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, *Fiesta del Sol*, the largest Latino festival in the Midwest, is an admission-free event, bringing patrons, sponsors, and vendors from across the nation and offering live entertainment, local art, a variety of food, activities, and educational information in an alcohol and tobacco-free, family-friendly environment; and

WHEREAS, *Fiesta del Sol* is organized by the Pilsen Neighbors Community Council (PNCC), a community-based organization that organizes, engages, and activates people and resources to positively address community issues facing Pilsen in areas such as education, housing, healthcare, social justice, and immigration reform; and

WHEREAS, *Fiesta del Sol* is PNCC's primary fundraising event to help fund its community organizing and service programming throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the *Fiesta del Sol*'s Guadalupe A. Reyes Scholarship Program has celebrated over a decade of awarding scholarships to students from the Southwest side of the city, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the scholarship offers students \$1,500 for college expenses and has awarded more than \$1,000,000 to roughly 700 students; and

WHEREAS, *Fiesta del Sol* draws over 1 million visitors during the four-day event, which, in 2022, will be held on July 28th - 31st in the Pilsen neighborhood in Chicago, Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor the 50th Anniversary of *Fiesta del Sol*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the proceedings of this Honorable Body and that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Pilsen Neighbors Community Council (PNCC) in honor of this auspicious occasion.