



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING RINCÓN FAMILY SERVICES

WHEREAS, The members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners wish to congratulate Rincón Family Services on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its founding; and

WHEREAS, Rincón Family Services was originally founded in 1972 by Rafael “Paloma” Rios through a clinic called El Rincón; a 501(c) (3) not for profit organization, it was established by community residents and individuals recovering from substance use on the west side of Chicago, one of the first Latino-focused substance use treatment centers; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, El Rincón became El Rincón Family Services as a result of the awareness that substance abuse can have a domino effect on families; in the last five years, it has added seven new programs that engage children, teenagers, and parents with effective methods of treating and preventing addictive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, Rincón Family Service’s mission is to render compassionate and effective programs that promote the quality of life by serving as a catalyst for advocacy, education, and empowerment of individuals and their families; the organization has expanded its mission to address the needs of the larger community by providing counseling, case management, prevention and treatment across Chicagoland; and

WHEREAS, Rincón Family Services celebrated the official incorporation of Youth Service Project (YSP) as a division of Rincón Family Services in 2017, and the united missions of the agencies combine to bring more comprehensive programs to the community with an increased focus on youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, Rincón Family Services launched Operation Counting Lives, Saving Lives in response to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, which was a multi-faceted grassroots campaign that deployed teams of staff and volunteers to serve as essential and front-line workers distributing hand sanitizers, masks, gloves, and other equipment to the most vulnerable members of the community while working to explain the importance of being counted in the 2020 Census; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that we Congratulate Rincón Family Services and it’s leadership, President CEO Eddy Borrayo, Chairman of the Board Milton Rodriguez, and Chair Emeritus Hilda Frontany, on the 50th anniversary of its founding, and we wish the organization many more successful years; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Rincón Family Services as a symbol of our respect and esteem.