

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF LA CASA NORTE ("LNC")

WHEREAS, La Casa Norte is a not-for-profit organization located in Humboldt Park which was established in 2002; and

WHEREAS, La Casa Norte is a community-based organization whose mission is to serve youth and families confronting homelessness by providing access to stable housing and delivering comprehensive services that act as a catalyst to transform lives and communities; and

WHEREAS, La Casa Norte dreams of a world where all people have dignity, communities thrive, and everyone belongs; and

WHEREAS, La Casa Norte LCN provides many individuals with various types of programs based on their needs; and

WHEREAS, La Casa Norte provides housing support to families through Scattered-Site Supportive Housing by subsidizing apartments with wrap-around support services, through the Pierce House that offers 25 apartments that house youth and youth-led families who experienced homelessness, and through Rapid Rehousing that provides short-term rental assistance; and

WHEREAS, with their transitional program in 2004, Solid Ground was one of the first housing programs in Chicago to serve male-identifying youth who experience homelessness. Residents ages 18 to 21 can live at Solid Ground for two years; and

WHEREAS, La Casa Norte consists of three emergency housing programs Overnight Emergency Beds serve unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness, ages 18 through 24, two Drop-In Centers serve unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness, ages 16 through 24 as well as providing emergency rental assistance; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Youth In College supports students enrolled full-time at a Chicago college or university. By providing housing, case management, academic advising, and educational resources, Youth In College ensures that youth can succeed in their educational endeavors; and

WHEREAS, their Public Health Ambassadors help community members access vaccines and rental food, cash assistance; and

WHEREAS, partnering with Nourishing Hope, La Casa Norte offers *El Mercadito* food pantry which provides fresh and nutritious groceries to residents in Chicago's Humboldt Park neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, at La Casa Norte's Community Center, we partner with Howard Brown Health to offer a full-service health clinic in the heart of Humboldt Park; and

WHEREAS, in the last year, La Casa Norte served more than 24,600 homeless and low-income Chicagoans and continues to support community members through the recovery from the pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and

honor the 20th Anniversary of La Casa Norte; 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 is presented to La Casa Norte in honor of its outstanding achievements and its 20th Anniversary.