

**11-R-332
RESOLUTION**

Sponsored by

**THE HONORABLE EARLEAN COLLINS, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, JERRY BUTLER, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY,
BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, ELIZABETH “LIZ” DOODY GORMAN,
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

IN HONOR OF JACQUELINE REED’S RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Jacqueline “Jackie” Reed founded the Westside Health Authority “WHA” in 1988; and

WHEREAS, during her over 20 years with WHA she served the Austin and surrounding communities from six different sites with the help of over 50 employees. She’s had a long history of empowering communities to become self sufficient; and

WHEREAS, in her capacity as Founder, President, and Former CEO the organization sought to build the capacity of local residents to improve their communities by increasing access to quality health care, improving job and educational opportunities, creating avenues for successful ex-offender reentry, and providing social, recreational, and academic activities for youth; and

WHEREAS, The Every Block a Village initiative is the founding principle of WHA. Every Block a Village is a network of over 100 blocks in the Austin community with residents working to build trusting relationships on the values of mutual caring, sharing, giving, and using their assets and strengths to spark community renewal and healing; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Reed has earned her reputation as a selfless advocate and pillar in the Austin community and surrounding cities; and

WHEREAS, Jackie along with her husband Ronald and children Derek, Ronald Jr., Morris, and Quiwana made Austin a safer place and have given back in profound ways to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Board of Commissioners of Cook County do hereby extend their appreciation to Jackie Reed for her years of service to County of Cook and its residents and wish her a happy and healthy retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official proceeding of this Honorable Body and that an official copy of same be tendered to Jacqueline “Jackie” Reed.

Approved and adopted this 1st day of November 2011.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE

PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has called a man who loved deeply and who was beloved, and who made a difference in the lives of many individuals, Dr. Gregory James; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James earned a Master's degree of Science in Education from Southern Illinois University and a doctorate in Education from Grambling State University in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James excelled in the field of higher education administration – at the time of his passing he was the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, armed with extensive knowledge in his field and an insightful mind, Dr. James led his colleagues and the larger community with his innovative work on anti-bias issues; additionally, he was often called upon to speak at events and conferences about his work; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James established and chaired Oakton Community College's first Diversity Council and served on Oakton Community College's Master Plan Steering Committee and on the Steering Committee of the Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James received numerous awards which celebrated his commitment to social justice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James valued his students tremendously, and being available to them and nurturing them intellectually ranked high in his professional priorities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James leaves to mourn his longtime life partner, David DeCoursey-James; a daughter, Maurionna Minor, his father, Rev. Dr. Silas James; four brothers, Lt. Colonial Cedric C. Minor-ret., Daryl K. Minor, Kevin D. Minor and Maurice D. Minor and their spouses; nieces and nephews; and a host of extended family, colleagues and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Dr. Gregory James' memory shall be cherished in all of the hearts of the people whom he touched and loved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that I, Toni Preckwinkle, on behalf of the more than 5.4 million residents of Cook County, do hereby express my deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family as well as to the many friends and loved ones of Dr. Gregory James.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to the family of Dr. Gregory James so that his rich legacy may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 1st day of November 2011.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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AND LARRY SUFFREDIN, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
IN RECOGNITION OF DIWALI, THE “FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS”**

WHEREAS, Diwali, known as the “Festival of Lights,” is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists throughout India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Mauritius, Guyana, Trinidad, Tobago, Surinam, Malaysia, Singapore and Fuji; Diwali is a national holiday in all of these nations; and

WHEREAS, Diwali coincides with the beginning of the financial year; it falls on the one new moon night between mid-October and mid-November and is celebrated for five days; this year Diwali began on October 26; and

WHEREAS, Diwali signifies the uplifting of spiritual darkness and translates as “row of lamps”; rituals include filling small clay lamps with oil and lighting them to signify the prevalence of good over evil; also firecrackers are set off to drive evil spirits away; and new clothes are worn and families and friends share sweets and snacks; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of religious stories which correspond to the five days of Diwali, these stories involve Lord Krishna, his wife, Satyabhama, and Lord Vishnu vanquishing evil, and the goddess of wealth, Lakshmi, who is ritually welcomed with a clean house and the lighting of small clay lamps; and

WHEREAS, some major religious events associated with Diwali include the return of Rama after 14 years of banishment; the day before Diwali when the evil demon, Narakasura, was killed; and the day after Diwali when Krishna defeated Indra, the deity of thunder and rain.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Toni Preckwinkle, along with the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the more than 5.4 million residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize the holy days known as Diwali, and do urge all residents to be cognizant of these holy days, which are deeply cherished and observed by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists around the world.

Approved and adopted this 1st day of November 2011.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**THE HONORABLE JOHN P. DALEY, PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE,
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AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has called Virginia "Virgie" Perillo from our midst; and

WHEREAS, Virginia "Virgie" Perillo was the beloved wife of Mauro Perillo; and

WHEREAS, Virginia "Virgie" Perillo was the loving mother of John (Celeste), Mark, and Michael; and

WHEREAS, Virginia "Virgie" Perillo was the beloved daughter of the late Conrado and Celicidad Yee, and cherished grandmother of Matthew; and

WHEREAS, Virginia "Virgie" Perillo dedicated her life to practice of the healing arts, and had a remarkable 40 year career as a nurse for Rush University Medical Center, where she was admired and respected for her devotion to her work and her adherence to the highest standards of patient care; and

WHEREAS, Virginia "Virgie" Perillo was a mentor to younger nurses in the various departments she was assigned, including such demanding assignments as the intensive care unit and the Oncology Department; and

WHEREAS, Virginia "Virgie" Perillo will be missed by her many peers and colleagues in the health care community; and

WHEREAS, all who knew her will attest that Virginia "Virgie" Perillo was a kind and compassionate woman, virtuous of character and gentle in spirit, admired and respected by her many friends and neighbors, and dearly loved by her family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that the Board does hereby offer its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Virginia "Virgie" Perillo, and joins them in sorrow at this time of loss, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and a suitable copy of same be tendered to the family of Virginia "Virgie" Perillo, that her memory may be so honored and ever cherished.

Approved and adopted this 1st day of November 2011.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE
PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION APPROVING SALARY SCHEDULES

WHEREAS, the County of Cook/Sheriff of Cook County and the Teamsters Local 700 (representing Correctional Officers, Canine Specialists, and Investigators II in Intensive Supervision) entered into compulsory interest arbitration under the Illinois Public Employee Labor Relations Act (5 ILCS 315/1, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, on or about September 23, 2011, Arbitrator Harvey Nathan issued an Interest Arbitration Award concerning unresolved salary issues covering the period of December 1, 2008 through November 30, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the salary schedules resulting from the Interest Arbitration Award shall be submitted to the Cook County Board of Commissioners for consideration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief of the Bureau of Human Resources and the Cook County Comptroller are hereby authorized to implement the Salary Schedules and wage adjustments as indicated in Arbitrator Nathan's Interest Arbitration Award.

Approved and adopted this 1st day of November 2011.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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PRESIDENT OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY

WHEREAS, the Cook County Board of Commissioners has the legal authority to authorize its departments and offices to open and maintain checking and savings accounts at various banks; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to update and include an additional name as a signatory on the Animal and Rabies Control accounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the checking and savings accounts at Bank of America for the following purposes, be updated for the Animal and Rabies Control fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following are the names of those persons who are authorized to sign checks on these checking and/or saving accounts and that the signature of at least two (2) of these shall be required on each check:

1. Donna M. Alexander
2. Sandra Washington
3. Mark A. Rosenthal

Approved and adopted this 1st day of November 2011.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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**COOK COUNTY VETERANS DAY RESOLUTION
NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

WHEREAS, Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally proclaimed a United States legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, November 11th was “dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as Armistice Day.” In 1954, after World War II and the Korean War, at the urging of Veterans Organizations, the 1938 Act was amended by striking the word “Armistice” and inserting the word “Veterans”; and

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary War to the present day, the contributions made to the United States of America by her citizen soldiers, sailors, and airmen who stand in our place to defend the freedoms we enjoy cannot be calculated; and

WHEREAS, the County of Cook having the largest veteran population in this state, with 260,000 veterans; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of our citizens who have answered the call to duty to give freely and unselfishly of themselves, in defense of our democratic principles, give this great Nation continued strength and vitality; and

WHEREAS, even today, members of the military are stationed in Afghanistan, Iraq, and many other places throughout the world, while their families remain in our communities; and

WHEREAS, families praying for the safe return of loved ones experience everyday life in a very different way from others, as their everyday thoughts and feelings never stray far from those they honor and of whom they are proud for serving this great nation; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is a day set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military – in wartime or peacetime; and

WHEREAS, the commemoration of this day is a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize November 11, 2011, as Veterans Day and asks that on this day of honor all citizens express their gratitude to our veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with respect and gratitude, we honor all of our veterans, remembering “all gave some and some gave all” and devote special attention to those veterans who are sick and disabled, and show through our actions that we honor and remember them.

Approved and adopted this 1st day of November 2011.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President
Cook County Board of Commissioners

Attest: DAVID ORR, County Clerk