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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING YOUTH DAY AT THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, According to the 2018 population estimates from the United States Census Bureau, Cook County has 1.14 million children; and

WHEREAS, Cook County contains 130 municipalities in its region; and

WHEREAS, Cook County has 99 distinct school districts; and

WHEREAS, The President of the Cook County Board as well as the Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of exposing our youth, from underserved communities as well as communities within Cook County, to Cook County government; and

WHEREAS, There are many youth from underserved communities who have not been exposed to Cook County government, nor have they been exposed to downtown Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The President and the Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of civic engagement with our youth, particularly our high school students and emerging adults ages 16-20; and

WHEREAS, The Cook County Board President and the seventeen Cook County Board Commissioners resolve to familiarize our youth with the responsibilities and duties of the Cook County Board and other separately elected Cook County officials; and

WHEREAS, Each member of the Board of Commissioners are asked to invite at least two youth from their respective districts to participate in Youth Day in Cook County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners as well as the Board of Commissioners recognize the third Cook County Board meeting of each quarter as Youth Day in Cook County at the Cook County Board of Commissioners and establish March 20, 2019 as the initial Youth Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Cook County Board of Commissioners will host at least 34 youth from the seventeen districts to observe Cook County Commissioners and learn the day-to-day responsibilities of Cook County government.