



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TERRY GUEN TO THE FOREST PRESERVES OF COOK COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, Terry Guen was appointed by President Preckwinkle and the Board of Commissioners to the Next Century Conservation Plan Commission to develop a new vision for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (“Forest Preserves”); and

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the Next Century Conservation Plan Commission, Terry worked with fellow civic leaders to advise on the development of the Next Century Conservation Plan (the “Plan”) an ambitious and visionary plan with goals to ensure the Forest Preserves’ native habitats thrive, create opportunities for everyone to explore the preserves, demonstrate the value of protected land and provide enduring and accountable leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, following adoption of the Plan by the Board of Commissioners on February 18, 2014, Terry was appointed by President Preckwinkle and the Board of Commissioners to the Conservation and Policy Council of the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Council”) where she served from 2015 to 2022, providing guidance and expertise to the Forest Preserves in the implementation of the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, as Founder and Principal of Terry Guen Design Associates, Inc., Terry used her background in landscape architecture to apply her knowledge of integrating ecological outdoor environments within public design and creating nature-filled public spaces to her work with the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 7, 2016, Terry convened a group of professionals from the American Institute of Architects and the American Society of Landscape Architects, to advise the Forest Preserves on integrating natural elements in the Forest Preserves’ built spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, Terry co-chaired the development of the Council’s position paper on “Nature-Compatible Recreation,” which included key recommendations to prioritize nature-compatible recreation and oppose new uses that do not align with the Forest Preserves’ mission; and

**WHEREAS**, Terry has been a dedicated supporter of the Forest Preserves by advocating for the protection and conservation of our public lands and ensuring that the people of Cook County can access and experience the benefits of nature.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that President Toni Preckwinkle along with the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, General Superintendent Arnold L. Randall, and on behalf of all residents of Cook County, do hereby extend appreciation to Terry Guen for her dedication, contribution, leadership, and outstanding service to the Forest Preserves; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be tendered to Terry Guen in recognition of her significant contributions to the Forest Preserves of Cook County.