



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE PERMANENT NAMING POLICY

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) recognizes that proper names are essential locational tools and navigational aids; that names are the beginnings and ends of journeys and destinations; that names are place markers and focal points through symbolism, association and remembrance; and that names may have powerful positive meanings for people and provide opportunities to promote community harmony; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners officially recognized and adopted names of Forest Preserves lands and amenities to reflect its rich and diverse heritage; and

WHEREAS, a Permanent Naming Policy can help to safeguard the Forest Preserves’ prestige and heritage; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Permanent Naming Policy provides guidance and direction in the naming and renaming of Forest Preserves properties, facilities, natural areas, and other public places; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Permanent Naming Policy ensures an inclusive, consultative, and transparent naming and renaming process that will engage the public and is intended to stand the test of time; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Permanent Naming Policy govern all permanent naming and renaming opportunities, but would not govern temporary naming recognition opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Permanent Naming Policy provides for a Naming Committee that is comprised of individuals appointed by the General Superintendent and that is responsible for reviewing all requests for permanent naming, as well as renaming opportunities so as to ensure that requests comply with the Permanent Naming Policy; and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendations of the Naming Committee, the General Superintendent would be responsible for presenting permanent naming and renaming opportunities to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners, which would retain the responsibility of approving the naming or renaming of Forest Preserves properties, facilities, natural areas, and other public places; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by President, Toni Preckwinkle and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners that the Permanent Naming Policy is hereby adopted by resolution and is effective immediately.