



**A Resolution  
of the  
Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois**

Sponsored by  
**THE HONORABLE TONI PRECKWINKLE,  
PRESIDENT, COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, dangerously cold temperatures hit Cook County and the Midwest area beginning late Tuesday, January 29 and lasting until Thursday, January 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, various Cook County stakeholders came together to prepare and inform Cook County residents of the necessary measures to take with the extreme weather conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 29, 2019, a vital decision was made to open suburban Cook County courthouses to assist our residents and provide them a safe haven during the extreme weather; and

**WHEREAS**, the courthouses in Markham, Bridgeview, Maywood, Skokie and Rolling Meadows were opened as 24 hour warming centers during the extreme weather; and

**WHEREAS**, at least twelve residents stayed overnight with additional intermittent residents seeking warmth at the courthouses; and

**WHEREAS**, the quick actions of the Cook County Department of Facilities Management, as well as other employees of the Bureau of Asset Management, were of utmost importance during this critical time; and

**WHEREAS**, staff at Skokie and Rolling Meadows stayed overnight, including the Sheriff's Office who provided individuals with food, sleeping materials, and called local groups to assist the elderly residents who sought refuge at the courthouses; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is grateful for the wonderful service provided to the residents of Cook County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, hereby recognize and honor the Cook County Department of Facilities Management for their above and beyond service to the residents of Cook County at such critical time; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered to Cook County Department of Facilities Management as a means of communicating our appreciation.

Approved and adopted the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.



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**TONI PRECKWINKLE**, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners