



Resolution Honoring the Life and Contributions of Commissioner Dennis Deer

***WHEREAS**, Commissioner Dennis Deer passed away on June 23, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of dedicated service and commitment to public service; and*

***WHEREAS**, Commissioner Dennis Deer was a dedicated leader who championed important issues including, but not limited to, a 'Food is Medicine' initiative to advance the importance of consuming high-quality foods and efforts to reduce gun violence in our communities; and*

***WHEREAS**, Commissioner Dennis Deer served with distinction as Vice President of the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) and Chair of ISACo's Legislative Committee in 2023-2024, demonstrating unwavering commitment to the advancement of counties and contributing significantly to ISACo initiatives; and*

***WHEREAS**, Commissioner Dennis Deer's compassion, leadership and tireless work ethic inspired colleagues and constituents to foster positive change and progress within their communities; and*

***WHEREAS**, Commissioner Dennis Deer's contributions have had a profound and lasting impact on Cook County, significantly improving the lives of his constituents and residents throughout the County; and*

***WHEREAS**, Commissioner Dennis Deer had an empathetic and caring heart for those who found themselves overlooked by society and he sought through word and deed to achieve a broader community of inclusiveness, tolerance and equality; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Illinois State Association of Counties extends its deepest sympathies to the family, friends and colleagues of Commissioner Dennis Deer and expresses its significant gratitude for his contributions to county government in Illinois through his leadership in ISACo and throughout the nation via his work through the National Association of Counties (NACo); and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be provided to his family as a token of our esteem, respect and appreciation for Commissioner Deer's servant leadership that lifted, inspired and embraced so many people.*

Adopted on Friday, September 13, 2024

*Matthew G. Prochaska, President
Illinois State Association of Counties*