

## **Resolution Celebrating Cook County Health's Community Vaccination Program**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Health (CCH) has a 185 year history of caring for all residents of Cook County, regardless of ability to pay; and

**WHEREAS**, CCH remains at the forefront of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, the most devastating public health emergency of our time; and

**WHEREAS**, CCH is dedicated to providing equitable, high-quality medical care, education and resources for all residents throughout the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, when the first COVID-19 vaccines became available, CCH committed to providing broad, equitable access to vaccinations; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 vaccines are safe and were developed based on decades of scientific research; and

**WHEREAS**, getting vaccinated remains the easiest and most effective way to protect yourself and those around you from infection; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent study from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that, even during the Omicron surge, a primary series of an mRNA vaccine was 79 percent effective against serious illness and death from COVID-19, and that increased to 94% effective if the individual received a booster shot; and

**WHEREAS**, CCH administered its first dose of COVID-19 vaccine on December 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, just weeks later, CCH was preparing to stand up its first community mass vaccination site; and

**WHEREAS**, in all, CCH opened six mass vaccination sites across Cook County, that could each accommodate up to 4,000 people a day; and

**WHEREAS**, CCH also offered vaccinations at Stroger and Provident Hospitals, its community health centers, correctional health facilities and at pop-up events; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County Government, CCH, which includes the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) launched My Shot Cook County, an award-winning, omni-channel public education campaign that provides accurate, understandable information about COVID-19 and vaccination to Cook County communities, generating more than 101 million overall impressions; and

**WHEREAS**, tremendous efforts were made to reduce barriers to vaccination at CCH locations, including welcoming walk-ins, expanding vaccination clinic hours, promotions for essential workers, and incentives to make getting vaccinated as easy as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, in collaboration with community-based organizations, a hyperlocal vaccine equity strategy was employed to reach individuals who remained unvaccinated and to bring information and vaccine access to them in the communities where they live and work; and

**WHEREAS**, the week of April 24, 2022, CCH administered its one millionth dose of COVID-19 vaccine; and

**WHEREAS**, CCH is among the first health systems in the country to achieve this level of success in vaccinating its communities; and

**WHEREAS**, providing this number of vaccines has undoubtedly saved lives, prevented catastrophic illness and kept families whole during the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, this milestone would not be possible without the incredible hard work and dedication of CCH staff, including CCDPH, President Preckwinkle, the Board of Commissioners and our partners at Cook County Government, Governor Pritzker, the State of Illinois, the Illinois National Guard, local municipalities and officials and community-based organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, CCH and its partners remain steadfast in their commitment to continuing to provide widespread, equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines as we continue to fight this pandemic; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of Cook County Health, does hereby gratefully acknowledge the entire Cook County Health team for their incredible contributions to administering more than one million doses of COVID-19 vaccine and for their ongoing work at the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic.