



# Lake County Illinois

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Special recognition acknowledging March 18 as National Public Defender Day in Lake County.

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

**WHEREAS**, March 18 is National Public Defender Day celebrating the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling of Gideon v Wainwright in 1963; and

**WHEREAS**, this decision changed the Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution to include the guaranteed right to legal counsel for all those facing imprisonment, even if they can't afford to hire a lawyer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gideon v Wainwright decision inspired the creation of public defense agencies across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Public Defender's Office was created in 1972 when the first Public Defender was appointed; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1972, there have been five public defenders appointed; and

**WHEREAS**, Joy Gossman is the current Lake County Public Defender. She is also the first woman and has served the longest in that role; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Public Defender's Office currently has 48 employees, including support staff, social workers, investigators, and attorneys; and

**WHEREAS**, public defenders and public defense professionals are part of a defense community for those in need, providing important and excellent work every day in both criminal and civil cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Justice believes the work of public defense lawyers is vital to communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RECOGNIZED**, that this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, thanks the entire Lake County Public Defender's Office for their work serving those in need of their services.

**DATED** at Waukegan, Illinois on March 14, 2023.