



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Resolution recognizing the contributions of Michael Stevens for his years of service as President and Chief Executive Officer of Lake County Partners.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Michael Stevens was appointed to serve as the President & CEO of Lake County Partners in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Michael Stevens has been a leading voice in supporting economic growth, collaboration and fiscal responsibility on behalf of Lake County's businesses and communities; and

WHEREAS, Michael Stevens directed an effort on behalf of Lake County Partners to reimagine the organization's strategic plan, garnering insights from Lake County's private and public sectors, to establish the Lake County Comprehensive Development Strategy (CEDS) and set forth a strategic framework that guides and aligns critical economic development efforts county-wide; and

WHEREAS, Michael Stevens has consistently championed the goals and principles of the CEDS, supporting Lake County's target industries and significantly enhancing the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Michael Stevens has led Lake County Partners' efforts to create and retain high-quality jobs, stimulate capital investment, grow the talent pipeline, and pursue economic diversity; and

WHEREAS, Michael Stevens has served as a leader at Lake County Partners and strengthened the organization's operations, services and functions; and

WHEREAS, Michael Stevens has provided steady leadership to the Lake County Partners' Board of Governors and Operations Committee to ensure that the organization fulfills its duties and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Michael Stevens has formed the seminal partnerships with the Lake County government and other key stakeholders to form the Lake County Workforce Ecosystem, magnifying the impact of a key competitive strength of the County; and

WHEREAS, Michael Stevens has charted new territory in the field of workforce development, enabling Lake County Partners to forge new relationships between the business community and key stakeholders across the county, making meaningful connections to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Michael Stevens, in partnership with Chairman Aaron Lawlor, helped form and grow the Leadership Lake County initiative, which is intended to "Grow the Next Generation" by retaining and attracting young professionals by providing them an opportunity to connect with our vibrant communities, business leadership and fellow young professionals.

WHEREAS, Michael Stevens has been instrumental in developing the Lake County Promise concept touting the area's highly-educated workforce, beautiful and diverse recreational areas, gateway to global markets, balance between work and play, top-ranking schools, world-class healthcare, global industry leaders and first-rate quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Michael Stevens has, personally and professionally, been an active and influential member of the Lake County community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Lake County, Illinois commends Michael Stevens for his leadership and dedication to economic development in Lake County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board of Lake County, Illinois, offers its sincere gratitude and appreciation for Michael Stevens' service and extends its best wishes on all future endeavors.

Dated at Waukegan, Illinois on March 14, 2017.