

2023 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE KANE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE U.S. CENTER FOR ELECTION EXCELLENCE DISTINCTION

This proclamation highlights the 2022 distinction given to the Kane County Clerk's Office as one of 10 election authorities across the country selected as a U.S. Center for Election Excellence.

WHEREAS, The Kane County Clerk, John A. Cunningham and his staff are committed to leadership in election administration and look to develop even more resilient, trustworthy, and votercentric election administration practices; and

WHEREAS, The Kane County Clerk's Office strives to be the most transparent, accessible and secure election authority in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, The Kane County Clerk's Office has developed innovative ways to serve the public, including expanding early voting, establishing a call center to resolve Election Day questions, developing a Voter Outreach Program to increase voter registration and early voting, and improving technology; and

WHEREAS, The Kane County Clerk's Office during the November 8, 2022 election, experienced an unprecedented number of poll watchers during Early Voting, Vote by Mail processing, and on Election Day; and

WHEREAS, the non-partisan U.S. Alliance for Election Excellence is a nationwide program dedicated to advancing the integrity and accessibility of elections; and

WHEREAS, the Kane County's Clerk's Office in 2022 was one of only 10 election authorities in the country selected by the U.S. Alliance for Election Excellence as a U.S. Center for Election Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Kane County Clerk's Office will receive a \$2,000,000 grant for election related improvements as a U.S. Center for Election Excellence to further enhance the election experience for Kane County's 301,004 (as of November 22, 2022) registered voters.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that members of the Kane County Board recognize the Kane County Clerk and his staff for receiving the honor of being a U.S. Center for Election Excellence for their leadership as a model for other election authorities in Illinois and across the country.

Passed by the Kane County Board on February 14, 2023.

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