

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION  
TO  
ILLINOIS POISON CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, the DuPage County Board recognizes the Illinois Poison Center's (IPC) 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of serving the citizens of Illinois by providing poison prevention and treatment recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the IPC is a non-profit health service that provides access to comprehensive and trusted information and treatment advice on potentially harmful substances through a free, confidential, 24-hour hotline staffed by specially trained medical experts, including doctors, nurses and pharmacists; and

**WHEREAS**, as one of the largest and oldest poison centers in the nation, the Illinois Poison Center receives more than 80,000 calls yearly requesting information or treatment advice regarding potentially hazardous substances ranging from medications, drugs, chemicals, bites, stings and other products; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, the IPC received more than 5,500 calls from residents in DuPage County alone; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 90 percent of the exposure calls received from the public are treated over the phone, quickly and safely by experienced, expert staff of the poison center rather than in an emergency room; and

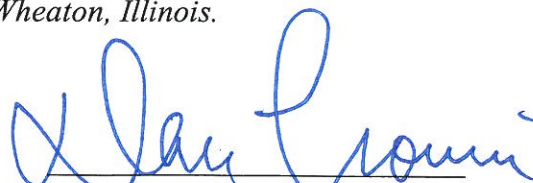
**WHEREAS**, founded in 1953, the Illinois Poison Center has become a mainstay in the emergency medical care system in Illinois and is dedicated to reducing the incidence and injury of poisoning throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the IPC celebrates March as Illinois Poison Prevention Month to help prevent unintentional poisonings and to share tips for promoting community involvement in poison prevention; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Daniel J. Cronin, Chairman of the DuPage County Board and members of the County Board, do hereby proclaim March 2013 to be Poison Prevention Month in DuPage County and commend the Illinois Poison Center for 60 years of outstanding public education and treatment advice to DuPage County and the state of Illinois.

*Enacted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013 in Wheaton, Illinois.*



  
Daniel J. Cronin, Chairman  
DuPage County Board