



STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK  
**ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN**  
COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER – 17TH DISTRICT  
**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is the home of the 2010 Stanley Cup Champion Chicago Blackhawks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stanley Cup Champion Chicago Blackhawks—an "Original Six" team— were able to add the team's fourth Stanley Cup to the Blackhawks trophy case after wins in 1934, 1938, 1961 and two valiant tries by the 1971 and 1992 teams; and

**WHEREAS**, although they faced a challenge this year in being a young team, the high energy, speed and focus of the Stanley Cup Champions more than compensated and—at times over the course of their 103 – game season, they even made the game look easy; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Stanley Cup Playoffs, the Blackhawks embodied ferocity and fierceness through four tough and challenging playoff series; leaving the Nashville Predators, Vancouver Canucks, San Jose Sharks in their wake; and

**WHEREAS**, this was exemplified by Duncan Keith who, in Game Four of the Western Conference Finals against San Jose, lost seven teeth, got treatment in the locker room and came back in the period to play a pivotal role in that decisive game; and

**WHEREAS**, the talent and toughness of the Stanley Cup Champions was brought to bear in the six game Stanley Cup Final against the Philadelphia Flyers; and

**WHEREAS**, Game One was a wild affair with two goals from Troy Brouwer, and goals each from Dave Bolland and Patrick Sharp, Tomas Kopecky, Kris Versteeg and the Tomas Kopecky game winner all leading to a 6-5 Blackhawks win; and

**WHEREAS**, Game Two was a closely fought 2-1 contest which put the Blackhawks up two games to none. The game featured big hits, goals from Marian Hossa and Ben Eager and incredible goaltending from Antti Niemi; and

**WHEREAS**, Games Three and Four were bumps in the road to the Cup with the Blackhawks coming close to doing what they had not done since 1996—win in Philadelphia. After goals from Duncan Keith, Brent Sopel and Patrick Kane gave the Hawks a 3-2 lead, it would take overtime for the Flyers to finally overcome the talent of the Hawks in Game Three; and

**WHEREAS**, in Game Four, the Blackhawks would use goals from Patrick Sharp, Dave Bolland and Brian Campbell to fight back all night, and with time running down, pulled within a goal of sending the game to overtime before an empty-net goal would give Philadelphia a 5-3 win; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Quenneville would employ a "shifting lines" strategy in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period of Game Four which would lead to a powerful Game Five 7-4 Blackhawks victory in Chicago. Goals from Brent Seabrook, Dave Bolland, Kris Versteeg, Patrick Kane, Patrick Sharp and two goals from Dustin Byfuglien would pull the Hawks within one win of a 49 year old dream; and

**WHEREAS**, Game Six in Philadelphia would go the distance—and a little more—as the Blackhawks would control the game for most of the night while the Flyers desperately fought to stay alive. Goals from Dustin Byfuglien, Patrick Sharp and Andrew Ladd gave the Hawks the lead until the Flyers tied the game in the closing minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, 4 minutes and 6 seconds into the sudden death overtime period, Patrick Kane fired a shot that the Flyers' goalie could not stop, and—as the Flyers and their fans stood in stunned confusion—Kane lead his teammates in a length-of-the-ice celebration of the return of Lord Stanley's Cup to Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, all the members of the active roster deserve recognition for their talents including: Kyle Beach, Bryan Bickell, Nick Boynton, Adam Burish, Brian Campbell, Brian Connelly, Corey Crawford, Jassen Cullimore, Jake Dowell, Colin Fraser, Jordan Hendry, Niklas Hjalmarsson, Cristobal Huet, Kim Johnson, Andrew Ladd, Shawn Lalonde, John Madden, Danny Richmond, Jack Skille, Hannu Toivonen and Conn Smythe, goalie Antti Niemi, and Most Valuable Player trophy winner Captain Jonathan Toews; and

**WHEREAS**, Blackhawks' second-generation owner, Rocky Wirtz, Team President John McDonough, General Manager Stan Bowman, former General Manager Dale Talton and all the front office staff also deserve recognition for their efforts to build a Stanley Cup Champion in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, these games and these plays will live on in the memories of fans for years to come, as will the sound of "Chelsea Dagger" when the lamp is lit; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN** that the Chicago Blackhawks are hereby congratulated on their 2010 Stanley Cup Championship and that June 10, 2010 is hereby designated as Chicago Blackhawks Day in the 17<sup>th</sup> District of Cook County.

Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman  
Cook County Commissioner – 17<sup>th</sup> District