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Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, releases “no wrongdoing” findings from Cook County Independent Inspector General’s report at press conference.

CLERK DOROTHY BROWN SAYS INSPECTOR GENERAL’S FINDING OF “NO WRONGDOING” VINDICATES CLERK’S OFFICE’S JEANS DAY PROGRAM

(CHICAGO) TODAY - The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, announced that the “no wrongdoing” conclusion of the Cook County Independent Inspector General’s (OIIG) investigation into the Clerk’s Office’s Jeans Day program vindicates the program and supports what she knew and had been saying all along.

Clerk Brown quoted the Inspector General’s report in stating, “The investigation did not result in the identification of specific witnesses or documentation to support an allegation of misconduct or wrongdoing related to Jeans Day collection and disbursements.”

Also quoting the report, Clerk Brown said, “The OIIG has been able to develop a reasonable assurance that the Jeans Day funds were used properly for charitable and employee morale related purposes.”

“Though I am not surprised by his findings, I am happy the Inspector General could bring an objective perspective to the Jeans Day issue and find no wrongdoing,” Clerk Brown said. “It has been my contention from the outset that this was an innocent program re-started because of our employees’ requests for the support of employee morale, charitable and benevolent causes.”

“This is confirmed by the Independent Inspector General, who found, in conclusion: ‘The preponderance of the evidence considered during the course of this investigation has revealed that the Jeans Day fundraiser was operated to support positive employee morale and provide charitable assistance to members of the community.’”

“This report vindicates our efforts and the investigation fully supports what we knew and have been saying all along,” Clerk Brown said. “I am most heartened to be able to let workers in the Clerk’s Office know their efforts to help others will no longer be misrepresented or maligned.”

Clerk Brown released copies of the Inspector General’s report to the media following the press conference.

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