



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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Chicago, IL 60611

## Legislation Text

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### **RESOLUTION FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2019**

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Veterans Day

WHEREAS, Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is an annual celebration of all veterans that have served in the United States military; and

WHEREAS, commemorating the end of World War I, in November of 1919 President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11<sup>th</sup> as Armistice Day in honor of the veterans that had served throughout the war; and

WHEREAS, November 11<sup>th</sup> was chosen as it was widely believed that the unofficial end to World War I occurred on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the war (1918); and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1926, the United States Congress passed a resolution requesting that President Calvin Coolidge issue a proclamation declaring November 11<sup>th</sup> a legal holiday. Thereafter, on May 13, 1938, a resolution was issued proclaiming that Armistice Day become an annual legal holiday; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 1954, Congress amended its 1938 resolution, striking the word "Armistice" and replacing it with the word "Veterans" effectively transforming the day into a celebration for all veterans; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is an opportunity to honor all of the men and women that have exhibited unparalleled bravery and have sacrificed unselfishly to ensure that the freedom that Americans enjoy on a daily basis is unconditionally protected; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago is proud to employ United States military veterans, as well as active duty servicemen and women; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, on behalf of ourselves and staff, do hereby recognize the distinguished men and women of the United States military and honor their service, sacrifice, and contributions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Dated: November 7, 2019