



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2020

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing National Engineers Week

WHEREAS, while George Washington is largely acknowledged as one of the Founding Fathers of our country and the first President, he is also recognized as being a pioneering engineer; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his early engineering innovations, National Engineers Week, founded in 1951 by the National Society of Professional Engineers, is observed the week of George Washington's birthday, that being February 22nd. This year, National Engineers Week will be held from February 16th through February 22nd; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of National Engineers Week is to promote education, awareness, and interest in the careers which compose the engineering field to ensure a diverse and adequately qualified workforce in the future. National Engineers Week seeks to engage educators and parents and impress upon them the importance of diversifying a child's education to include instruction in math, science, and technology literacy to provide for an adequate foundation; and

WHEREAS, National Engineers Week is celebrated by more than 70 engineering, education, and cultural societies and in excess of 50 government agencies and private corporations. The theme of this year's event is "Be a Pioneer of Progress"; and

WHEREAS, the work that engineers perform is of monumental importance. Engineers are responsible for performing tasks that ensure public safety and promote the health and welfare of the world. Their jobs range from ensuring the structural integrity of a building, creating plans for the construction of a dam to allow for the use of hydropower, to creating devices to allow for remote communication; and

WHEREAS, the public works of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) includes projects recognized as engineering wonders of the world. Additionally, the District is recognized for its accomplishments and pioneering work in the areas of pollution control and flood control for the protection and enhancements of the environment; and

WHEREAS, the innovations of the District are made possible by the ingenuity and contributions of the

engineering profession and the high standards of performance observed by its members; 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 National Engineers Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent Record of Proceedings of the Board of Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and that a copy of same, suitably engrossed, be presented to the Chairman of the Chicagoland Engineers Week Committee.

Dated: February 6, 2020