



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2020

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring Warsaw, Poland as Chicago's First Sister City

WHEREAS, Chicago Sister Cities International (CSCI), an initiative of World Business Chicago, provides leadership to develop, manage, and coordinate comprehensive programs and projects with Chicago's sister cities in the areas of arts and culture, international business, global education, and government relations, expanding Chicago's global reach for the benefit of its residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Warsaw, Poland signed as Chicago's first Sister City in 1960 under the guidance of Mayor Richard J. Daley. Chicago currently has 29 sister cities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Chicago has the second largest Polish population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Chicago's history and cultural wealth have been shaped and enriched by the Polish community and their commitment to help make the City of Chicago a better place to live, work, and raise families; and

WHEREAS, Warsaw is the capital of Poland; and

WHEREAS, Polish wastewater collectors in Warsaw are 200 years old, 1,255 miles long, and serve over 90 percent of inhabitants. The Centralny Wodociąg (Central Water Main) was built in the late 1800s and is the oldest water pipeline in Warsaw; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago understands the value of partnerships such as those forged by the Chicago Sister Cities International organization, as it is through partnerships that we are collaboratively able to achieve advancements which benefit the world; and

WHEREAS, water unites us through transport, commerce, health, and culture, and we celebrate this momentous anniversary between Chicago and Warsaw and congratulate the Warsaw Committee of CSCI for its tireless efforts in promoting the exchange of culture for the past 60 years; 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 honor Warsaw, Poland as Chicago's First Sister City; 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 and that a copy of the same, suitably engrossed, be presented to Chicago Sister Cities International and the Warsaw Committee.

Dated: March 5, 2020