



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 18, 2017

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Infrastructure Week

WHEREAS, the week of May 15 through 19, 2017 is being observed nationally as Infrastructure Week; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago area relies on critical infrastructure, including our roads and bridges, our railroads and transit systems, our ports and airports, our pipes and water system, our reliable power supply, our access to broadband, and our connectivity to the regional, national, and global economy; and

WHEREAS, this infrastructure enhances our local and regional economy, our quality of life, our safety, and the strength of our communities; and

WHEREAS, decades of underfunding and deferred maintenance have pushed infrastructure across the country to the brink of a national crisis, with preventable catastrophic failures occurring in communities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, every dollar invested in infrastructure generates nearly two dollars in economic output; and

WHEREAS, to grow our economy, keep Americans safe, and strengthen our communities, we need all levels of government and the private sector to work together to rebuild and repair our nation's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Infrastructure Week 2017 has been established to highlight infrastructure investment needs in communities throughout the country, and to recognize and encourage leadership at the federal, state, and local levels to address our nation's pressing infrastructure challenges; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of Infrastructure Week, the MWRD is hosting tours on Saturday, May 20th at six of our water reclamation plants from 9 a.m. to noon; and

WHEREAS, Infrastructure Week challenges policy-makers and the public to address head-on the challenges facing U.S. infrastructure, to move beyond short-term fixes and deferred maintenance, and to envision the innovative solutions, technologies, policies and investments that will improve America's infrastructure today and for the future; 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, hereby officially recognize the week of May 15th, 2017 as Infrastructure Week, and urge the citizens and staff to join in this special observance with appropriate events and commemorations; 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: May 18, 2017

Approved: MARIYANA T. SPYROPOULOS, President; BARBARA J. MCGOWAN, Vice President; FRANK

AVILA, Chairman, Committee on Finance; TIMOTHY BRADFORD; MARTIN J. DURKAN; JOSINA MORITA; DEBRA SHORE; KARI K. STEELE; DAVID J. WALSH; Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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