



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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## Legislation Text

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### **RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the 2018 Women's March

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2017, marches were planned all over the world to coincide with the Women's March on Washington; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the march was to harness the political power of diverse women and their communities to create transformative social change; and

WHEREAS, planned for the day after the presidential inauguration, over 500 marches took place across the United States and in more than 80 other countries; and

WHEREAS, grounded in the nonviolent ideology of the Civil Rights movement, the Women's March was the largest coordinated protest in U.S. history and one of the largest in world history; and

WHEREAS, in Chicago alone, more than 250,000 people marched; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2018, Women's March gathered in Las Vegas, Nevada for Women's March: Power to the Polls, an event that launched a national voter registration tour one year after the historic Women's March on Washington; and

WHEREAS, the national voter registration tour will target swing states to register new voters, engage impacted communities, harness the collective energy to advocate for policies and candidates that reflect the principles of the March, and collaborate with partners to elect more women candidates to office. The coordinated campaign will build upon Women's March's ongoing work uplifting the voices and campaigns of the nation's most marginalized communities to create transformative social and political change; and

WHEREAS, building on the momentum gained over the past year, sister marches took place across the globe, encouraging voter registration and active participation in the election process and advocating for human rights; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago March crowd was estimated to be larger than last year, with marchers coming from across the state and the region; and

WHEREAS, to quote Malala Yousafzai, "I raise up my voice-not so I can shout but so that those without a voice can be heard...we cannot succeed when half of us are held back"; 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 Women's March: Power to the Polls; 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: February 1, 2018

Approved: MARIYANA T. SPYROPOULOS, President; BARBARA J. MCGOWAN, Vice President; FRANK AVILA, Chairman, Committee on Finance; MARTIN J. DURKAN; JOSINA MORITA; DEBRA SHORE; KARI K. STEELE; DAVID J. WALSH; Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Approved as to Form and Legality: Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel, STM:aw