



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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Chicago, IL 60611

## Legislation Text

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### **MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2018**

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing International Greek Language Day

WHEREAS, the Greek language has the longest documented history of any living Indo-European language, spanning 34 centuries of written records; and

WHEREAS, Greek is currently spoken by nearly 13.2 million people in Greece, Cyprus and the Diaspora around the world; and

WHEREAS, following years of pressure by the Ecumenical Patriarchate, plus Diaspora schools and organizations, including the Hellenic American Leadership Council and the General Secretariat for Greeks Abroad, February 9<sup>th</sup> has been designated as International Greek Language Day; and

WHEREAS, this celebration coincides with a holiday honoring Greek poet Dionysios Solomos, best known for penning "Hymn to Liberty", which later became Greece's national anthem; and

WHEREAS, the day will provide many opportunities to celebrate and share Greek language and culture; and

WHEREAS, as part of the celebration, families are encouraged to speak more Greek at home, introduce people to Greek culture, traditions and celebrations, play Greek music and cook Greek food; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are honored to have representatives from the Dr. Basil E. Stephens Greek School, Aristotle Greek Schools, Solon Greek School and Koraes Elementary School accepting this resolution in honor of International Greek Language Day; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners gratefully acknowledge that these schools and all Greek language and educational programs preserve a beautiful and ancient culture; 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 International Greek Language Day; 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 same, suitably embossed, be presented to Dr. Basil E. Stephens Greek School, Aristotle Greek Schools, Solon Greek School and Koraes Elementary School.

Dated: February 15, 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:BK:bh