



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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## Legislation Text

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### **RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2019**

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing April as National Arab American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, the month of April is widely recognized as National Arab American Heritage Month. During this month, homage is paid to the contributions of Arab Americans and their rich heritage and diverse culture is celebrated; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of National Arab American Heritage Month, numerous schools, cultural institutions, and government offices throughout the United States sponsor local events acknowledging the many contributions of Arab Americans; and

WHEREAS, National Arab American Heritage Month is formally recognized by seven states as well as the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, people of Middle Eastern descent began migrating to the United States in significant numbers in the 1800's and today it is estimated that the current population of Arab Americans is approximately four million people; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans trace their origins back to 22 countries in the Middle East and North Africa and represent multiple faith, cultural, and linguistic traditions; and

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have achieved countless accomplishments, received innumerable awards, and made countless contributions in many facets of society including the arts, business, law, medicine, science, and technology; 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, recognize April as National Arab American Heritage Month; 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 engrossed, be presented.

Dated: April 18, 2019

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