



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2019

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the "State of Water: Our Most Valuable Resource," an exhibit created by Brad Temkin and the Field Museum

WHEREAS, the Field Museum, along with award-winning photographer Brad Temkin, have partnered to create an exhibition titled the "State of Water: Our Most Valuable Resource." The exhibit debuted on September 13, 2019, and will remain available for viewing until January 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the exhibit features 31 large-scale photographs designed to educate visitors about the water purification and reclamation systems in cities across the United States which deliver a constant stream of water to homes, schools, and businesses, protect cities from floods, and serve as a vital and critical component of urban infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, this impressive exhibit highlights the environmental contributions of water purification and reclamation systems, as wastewater is transformed into a reusable resource; and

WHEREAS, the exhibit seeks to cause people to look beyond the convenience of readily available water sources and think critically about the processes required to make the water available, including the amazing architecture and engineering innovations required; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Temkin and the Field Museum want visitors to recognize the importance of municipal water systems and appreciate that water is an essential resource that we all must work to conserve; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. Temkin is a native Chicagoan, nearly one-third of the photographs featured in the exhibit were taken in Chicago. Included is a photograph of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's "Deep Tunnel" captured in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the exhibit is supported by the Phillip and Edith Leonian Foundation; 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, celebrate, and honor the photography of Brad Temkin and the educational outreach value of the water purification and reclamation systems displayed in the Field Museum's exhibit; 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: October 17, 2019