



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2019

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners honoring the upcoming Centennial Anniversary of the Cook County Farm Bureau

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau was created in 1920 by local farmers, business owners, and community members for the shared goal of improving all aspects of the farm industry including science and technology, general knowledge and information, and standard of living; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau is the county's largest general farm organization representing the diverse farming community; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau seeks to encourage communication and interaction between local farmers and urban consumers. To achieve this goal, the Cook County Farm Bureau sponsors educational programs, product marketing and outreach, and consumer engagement events. One such event was the Food Pantry Challenge; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Cook County Farm Bureau hosted its first Food Pantry Challenge (Challenge). The Challenge enabled Cook County Farm Bureau leaders to interact with over 118,000 urban consumers. The conversations covered topics including improved farming techniques and the variety of healthy and nutritious food grown by local farmers. As a result of the success of the Challenge, the Cook County Farm Bureau was able to donate \$3,500 to 14 local food pantries; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau provides scholarships and internships to encourage students to pursue education and careers in agriculture related fields; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Farm Bureau and the District have partnered together on demonstration projects and the Fulton County Field Days; and

WHEREAS, the partnership between the Cook County Farm Bureau and the District has also included working on other outreach initiatives with the goal of reducing phosphorus and other nutrients to support the State of Illinois' Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy to reduce nutrient loads to the Chicago Area Waterway system, the Illinois River, the Mississippi River, and the Gulf of Mexico; 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 upcoming Centennial Anniversary of the Cook County Farm Bureau in 2020; 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 to the Cook County Farm Bureau.

Dated: November 7, 2019