



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 recognizing the Chicago Chapter of the National Black Nurses' Association

WHEREAS, established in 1970, the Chicago Chapter of the National Black Nurses' Association (CCNBNA) emerged as a result of the disparate treatment of black nurses and black patients within the health care arena; and

WHEREAS, the founding nurses, Christine Leak, Kim Lindsey, Francis Ballard, Mary Allen, Mary McCune, and Mary Gathing desired to create an atmosphere of sisterhood where comradery, not competition flourished; and

WHEREAS, the founding members also held a deep-seated desire to change the way in which minority patients were treated in the health care environment; and

WHEREAS, CCNBNA's mission is to provide an opportunity for active discussion regarding the investigation, definition, advocacy, and implementation of equal health care for minority patients; equal to the health care standards of society at large; and

WHEREAS, CCNBNA is actively engaged in the communities that it serves. CCNBNA hosts health education and health care screenings as a part of ongoing partnerships with neighborhood groups and organizations, health care facilities, and health care related government agencies; and

WHEREAS, CCNBNA also provides scholarships, mentoring, and other supportive resources for nurses, nursing students, and new association members from minority backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, CCNBNA serves as a source of encouragement and strength for many nurses of all minority ethnic groups by creating a strong bond based upon love of the health care profession and an ongoing commitment to the patients that they care for; 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 honor the commitment to ending disparity in the health care arena of the Chicago Chapter of the National Black Nurses' Association; 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: November 7, 2019