



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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## Legislation Text

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### **RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2020**

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the Shannon Rovers Irish Bagpipe Band

WHEREAS, the Shannon Rovers were formed in 1926 by Tommie Ryan and a group of Irishmen, most of whom were immigrants that came to Chicago in the 1920s. The Shannon Rovers were organized to promote Irish music and to raise money for members that were experiencing financial hardships; and

WHEREAS, first known as the Shannon Rovers Fife and Drum Corps, the band switched to bagpipes in 1932; and

WHEREAS, the Shannon Rovers have performed at a multitude of events in the Chicagoland area, welcoming global figures and illustrious guests. Additionally, the Shannon Rovers have performed at hundreds of events throughout the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, one of the Shannon Rovers' proudest traditions has been leading Chicago's St. Patrick's Day Parade, a task they have done every year since it began; and

WHEREAS, for almost 93 years, the Shannon Rovers have been a cultural fixture in the Chicagoland area, playing at parades, weddings, funerals and other important events for generations of Chicago's Irish community; 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 Shannon Rovers; 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 Shannon Rovers Irish Bagpipe Band.

Dated: March 5, 2020