



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2020

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating Veteran's Day and the Combined Veterans of Berwyn

WHEREAS, Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is an annual celebration of all veterans that have served in the United States military; and

WHEREAS, commemorating the end of World War I, in November of 1919 President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11th as Armistice Day in honor of the veterans that had served throughout the war; and

WHEREAS, November 11th was chosen as it was widely believed that the unofficial end to World War I occurred on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the war (1918); and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1926, the United States Congress passed a resolution requesting that President Calvin Coolidge issue a proclamation declaring November 11th a legal holiday. Thereafter, on May 13, 1938, a resolution was issued proclaiming that Armistice Day become an annual legal holiday; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 1954, Congress amended its 1938 resolution, striking the word "Armistice" and replacing it with the word "Veterans" effectively transforming the day into a celebration for all veterans; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day is an opportunity to honor all of the men and women that have exhibited unparalleled bravery and have sacrificed unselfishly to ensure that the freedom that Americans enjoy on a daily basis is unconditionally protected; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago is proud to employ service members of the United States military; and

WHEREAS, the Combined Veterans of Berwyn is a nonprofit organization comprised of the American Legion Commodore Barry Post 256, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2378, the VietNow Berwyn Cicero Chapter, and the Italian American War Veterans. The organization prides itself on sponsoring various events throughout the year to celebrate and honor the contributions and sacrifices that have been made by members of the military; and

WHEREAS, as a collaborative organization, the Combined Veterans of Berwyn are able to impact the community in a monumental way. As such, the organization's outreach far extends the boundaries of the Berwyn 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 distinguished men and women of the United States military and honor their service, sacrifice, and contributions; 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 Combined Veterans of Berwyn.

Dated: November 5, 2020