



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2021

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners congratulating Hiteshkumar Shah on his retirement

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2021, Hiteshkumar Shah retired from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) after almost twenty-nine (29) years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Hiteshkumar earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Gujarat University in India and his Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois at Chicago; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 1992, Hiteshkumar was hired at the District as an associate mechanical engineer. During his employment with the District, he has worked at the Stickney, Calumet, Terrence J. O'Brien, and John E. Egan Water Reclamation Plants. Hiteshkumar was promoted five (5) times during his career, retiring as a managing engineer; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at the John E. Egan Water Reclamation Plant, Hiteshkumar contributed to the facility receiving awards for compliance. Additionally, he was instrumental in the completion of several major projects, including the installation of the permeable paver parking lot and compliance with excess wet weather flow standards; and

WHEREAS, Hiteshkumar is a passionate advocate of the importance of clean water. As such, he was the founding director of the Water and Waste Management (WWM) Group. Hiteshkumar is still immensely involved with the WWM, serving on the Water and Waste Management International Conference Committee for the 2021 conference; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Hiteshkumar was presented with the Paul Harris Award for his dedication for international outreach with the goal of educating communities on the fundamental importance of wastewater treatment; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work at the District and as an active member of WWM, Hiteshkumar also serves as the president of his homeowners association. Furthermore, he is actively involved in a global spiritual group; and

WHEREAS, now retired, Hiteshkumar intends to work in concert with his wife participating in various outreach and community programs which seek to improve the lives of the less fortunate with an eye towards reducing the economic disparities which currently exist throughout the world. He also plans to engage in some of his favorite hobbies, including traveling, philosophical readings, and yoga; 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 our staff, do hereby congratulate Hiteshkumar Shah on his retirement and extend our sincerest gratitude for his years of devoted service; 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 Hiteshkumar Shah.

Dated: June 3, 2021