



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
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## Legislation Text

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### RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing Dr. Allison Arwady

WHEREAS, Dr. Allison Arwady is the Commissioner at the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH). As such, she is responsible for leading the nation's third-largest city's health department; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Arwady has been at CDPH since August of 2015, where she initially served as Chief Medical Officer, overseeing disease control, environmental health, emergency preparedness, and the behavioral health divisions. In June of 2019, she assumed the role of Acting Commissioner before being confirmed as Commissioner in January of 2020; and

WHEREAS, prior to being employed with the CDPH, Dr. Arwady worked for the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer based at the Illinois Department of Public Health. With CDC, she worked on HIV and tuberculosis in Botswana, and international outbreak responses in Saudia Arabia (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome), and Liberia (Ebola); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Arwady has a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and literature from Harvard University, a Master of Public Health degree in sociomedical sciences and the history and ethics of public health and medicine from the Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, and a Doctor of Medicine degree from Yale University; and

WHEREAS, she is a board-certified internal medicine physician and pediatrician, and a member of the American College of Physicians. Despite her bustling schedule, Dr. Arwady volunteers on a weekly basis as a primary care physician at CommunityHealth; and

WHEREAS, a native of Kalamazoo, Michigan, Dr. Arwady also has experience in the areas of substance abuse, tuberculosis response, disease outbreaks, lead poisoning prevention, and immunization. In addition to her numerous other accolades, she also speaks Spanish and German; 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 recognize Dr. Allison Arwady; 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 Dr. Allison Arwady.

Dated: September 1, 2022