

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT of GREATER CHICAGO RESOLUTION

SPONSORED *by the* BOARD of COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING

NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK

WHEREAS, while George Washington is largely acknowledged as one of the Founding Fathers of our country and the first President, he is also recognized as being a pioneering engineer; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his early engineering innovations, National Engineers Week, founded in 1951 by the National Society of Professional Engineers, is observed the week of George Washington's birthday, which is February 22nd. This year, National Engineers Week will be held from February 20th through February 26th; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of National Engineers Week is to promote education, awareness, and interest in the careers which compose the engineering field to ensure a diverse and adequately qualified workforce in the future. National Engineers Week seeks to engage educators and parents, and impress upon them the importance of diversifying a child's education to include instruction in math, science, and technology literacy to provide an appropriate foundation; and

WHEREAS, National Engineers Week is celebrated by more than 70 engineering, education, and cultural societies and in excess of 50 government agencies and private corporations. The theme of this year's event is "Reimagining the Possible"; and

WHEREAS, the work that engineers perform is of monumental importance. Engineers are responsible for performing tasks that guarantee public safety and promote the health and welfare of the world. Their jobs range from evaluating the structural integrity of a building, creating plans for the construction of a dam to allow for the use of hydropower, to creating devices to allow for remote communication; and

WHEREAS, the public works of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) include projects recognized as engineering wonders of the world. Additionally, the District is recognized for its accomplishments and pioneering work in the areas of pollution and flood control

for the protection and enhancements to the environment due to the work of our astute engineers; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental and Water Resources Institute (EWRI) was founded in 1999, as a division of the American Society of Civil Engineers, to improve water resources and create solutions to environmental concerns in furtherance of the goal of achieving a sustainable future. The organization has more than 400 members that represent various engineering careers. The Illinois Section of the EWRI provides education and training opportunities for engineering professionals in environmental and water industries. They have partnered with the District on numerous occasions including events that promote the health of the Chicago Area Water System; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Engineers Foundation (CEF) has a long-standing history within Chicago's engineering sector which dates back to 1903. The goal of the organization is to provide motivation to young people that are interested in pursuing careers in engineering. The student focused programming of the CEF has inspired and supported Chicago students for more than 50 years with programs designed to prepare the future engineers of the world. CEF hosts various outreach activities for students in kindergarten through 12th grade, and provides scholarship awards and career development forums for graduating high school seniors; 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 National Engineers Week; 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 Environmental and Water Resources Institute and the Chicago Engineers Foundation



DATED THIS 17th DAY of FEBRUARY, 2022.

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