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MWRD PINKS IT UP! Wear pink on October 20 in honor of breast cancer survivors

MWRD to honor employees that are survivors

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners Vice President Barbara McGowan, who is a breast cancer survivor, is asking all MWRD employees to “PINK IT UP!” on October 20 to honor those who are impacted by breast cancer.

Vice President McGowan will sponsor a resolution on behalf of the Board of the Commissioners at the October 20 Board meeting that supports breast cancer awareness and honors employees that are survivors.

“Breast cancer can kill if it is not caught early enough,” said Vice President McGowan. “I am blessed to have had a wonderful medical team that diagnosed then treated my breast cancer. I am grateful to be cancer-free today. PINK IT UP!”

Statistics regarding breast cancer diagnoses are startling. According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States, except for skin cancers. It is about 30% of all new female cancers each year. About 287,850 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women and about 43,250 will die from the disease. For men, the American Cancer Society estimates that about 2,710 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed and 530 men will succumb.

“I appreciate Vice President McGowan for bringing forward this Breast Cancer Awareness resolution and



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the opportunity to raise awareness. It is an important reminder to men and women to be proactive about all their health screenings and encourage others to do the same,” said MWRD President Kari K. Steele.

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Established in 1889, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois. Learn more at mwrdd.org.