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MWRD Board celebrates the Polish Constitution Day Parade

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners applauded the annual Polish Constitution Day Parade with a resolution at its bimonthly board meeting.

Celebrating its 124th anniversary, the Polish Constitution Day Parade kicks off Saturday, May 2, at 11:30 a.m., marching along Dearborn Street, from Lake to Van Buren streets. It is the largest Polish parade outside of Poland and commemorates the anniversary of the ratification of the Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791, making it the first democratic constitution in Europe and second in the world following only the United States.

Fresh off winning the men's NCAA basketball tournament, Duke University Coach Mike Krzyzewski will serve as grand marshal of this year's parade. Krzyzewski is a native of the Northwest Side and graduate of Weber High School.

"We encourage area residents to attend the parade and festivities and recognize the Polish on such a special day for their unwavering commitment to our city and state," said Board President Mariyana Spyropoulos.

Chicago is not only home to the largest Polish parade outside of Poland, but also the largest Polish population outside of Warsaw. The parade presents a celebration of Polish culture and traditions. Dr. Ferdinand S. Leya and Dr. Jan Jaworski will serve as vice marshals. Queen of the Parade is Marlena Pierzchala.



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Board President Mariyana Spyropoulos presented a resolution honoring the 2015 Polish Constitution Day Parade to Jan Kopec, president of the Alliance of Polish Clubs in the USA.

"The theme of our parade is 'I love Poland and you should, too,'" said Jan Kopec, president of the Alliance of Polish Clubs in the USA, who was on hand to receive the resolution. "Please come join us for a wonderful event."

A raising of the flag ceremony will be held at Daley Plaza on Washington Street, between Clark and Dearborn streets on April 30, at 12 p.m., and again on May 2, at 9 a.m.

For more information, visit www.may3parade.org.

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