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MWRD Vice President Barbara McGowan presents Breast Cancer Awareness Resolution to Clinical Psychologist Stacy Sanford, Ph.D.

Every October, those who are impacted by cancer are remembered or honored, whether they are the afflicted or the medical professionals who treat and study this life-threatening condition. As the agency charged with protecting the water environment, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) recognizes the value of clean water and the role it plays in improving and protecting the quality of life.

On behalf of the MWRD Board of Commissioners, Vice President Barbara McGowan presented a resolution to licensed clinical health psychologist Stacy Sanford, Ph.D., who works for the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Sanford is also an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and the Department of Medical Social Sciences at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

“Dr. Sanford’s work is a tapestry of skills that has impacted the lives of so many people that are fighting cancer,” said Vice President McGowan. “I am honored that she took time from her busy schedule to spend some time with us today to talk about her work in educating and treating those who are facing the cancer battle.”

Dr. Sanford has a special interest in working with adolescents and young adults with cancer. She founded Northwestern’s multidisciplinary Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Workgroup and serves as Director of North-



Dr. Stacy Sanford was honored with a resolution from MWRD Vice President Barbara McGowan and the Board of Commissioners for Sanford’s work attending to young breast cancer patients.

western’s Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Program. Her work promotes research, advocacy and standards of care of its patients. She points out that the incidence of breast cancer increases with age despite most women not receiving mammograms until they are 40 years old.

“Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among women ages 15-39. They are more likely to have aggressive forms of breast cancer and be diagnosed at later stages of the disease,” said Dr. Sanford. “I am grateful to Commissioner McGowan and the MWRD Board of Commissioners for the resolution and opportunity to raise awareness of the many unique needs of these young women.”

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Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwrdd.org) is an award winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.