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MWRD PINKS IT UP!

Vice President Barbara McGowan sponsors Breast Cancer Awareness resolution in honor of MWRD employees that are survivors

Nationally, those who are impacted by breast cancer are honored and remembered during October. On behalf of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners, MWRD Vice President Barbara McGowan, who is a breast cancer survivor, sponsored a resolution at the October 20 board meeting that supports breast cancer awareness and honors employees of the MWRD that have survived breast cancer.

As a further show of support, Vice President McGowan asked Commissioners and staff to PINK IT UP! for the meeting and throughout all MWRD facilities.

“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.”

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

Statistics regarding diagnoses are startling. According to the American Cancer Society, one in two men and one in three women will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. In 2022, 75,350 residents of Illinois will be diagnosed with new cases of the disease and 23,200 will die.



MWRD Vice President Barbara McGowan (front row, 4th from left), Commissioners and employees PINK IT UP! in honor of breast cancer survivors at the October 20, 2022, Board of Commissioners meeting.



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