

HONORARY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Annually, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and the City of Chicago remove more than 3,000 cubic yards of litter from the Chicago and Calumet rivers; and

WHEREAS, Friend of the Chicago River aids in those efforts by promoting a litter-free lifestyle, advocating for the reduction and elimination of litter, and annually hosting river clean-up events; and

WHEREAS, Litter is more than just unattractive; it presents a very real danger to fish and other aquatic and avian life; and

WHEREAS, Half of all litter collected from the rivers is plastic, which contributes to microplastics pervading our waterways and, eventually, our bodies; and

WHEREAS, In partnership with the City of Chicago and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, Friends of the Chicago River removes litter such as plastic bags, food and drink packaging, cigarette butts, and plastic caps and bottles; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Friends of the Chicago River established the annual Chicago River Day, where volunteers gather at various sites along the Chicago River for a few hours remove trash; this year, it will be on Saturday, May 13; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled the nineteenth day of April, 2023, do hereby honor Friends of the Chicago River's legacy and contributions to our precious waterways and commemorate Chicago River Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of the resolution be presented to Friends of the Chicago River.



Scott E. Waguespack
Alderman, 32nd Ward