

WHEREAS; water is the most valuable and vital natural resource, and the state of Wisconsin is committed to guaranteeing access to clean water across the state and ensuring the health and safety of all those living in and visiting Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; the state's surface, groundwater, and drinking water resources are interconnected by a multitude of plumbing, sanitation, and water infrastructure systems, and continued efforts towards the restoration and protection of these water resources are fundamental to the Wisconsin way of life; and

WHEREAS; communities across the state and nation continue to be faced with aging water infrastructure, requiring innovative solutions such as water reuse systems, right-sizing plumbing systems, fixture upgrades, and more, to prioritize public health, efficiency, accessibility, and affordability, underscoring the need for a robust water infrastructure workforce; and

WHEREAS; there is a critical need for skilled, trained professionals in traditional plumbing and water efficient technologies, as approximately one third of the nation's drinking and wastewater operators will be eligible to retire within the decade; and

WHEREAS; the resilience of the state of Wisconsin and the nation is contingent upon the success and strength of the water infrastructure workforce and the services of professionals in the plumbing and sanitation industry; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, it is important to acknowledge the critical role of the water infrastructure workforce and the invaluable contributions they make on behalf of the state's shared mission of promoting and protecting the health of Wisconsinites, preventing and addressing water contamination, and working to guarantee safe, clean, and reliable potable water for folks and families across Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim March 11 2026 as

## **WORLD PLUMBING DAY**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 5th day of March 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State