

WHEREAS; every Wisconsinite should be able to trust that the water from their tap is clean, safe, and free of contaminants, regardless of their ZIP code; and

WHEREAS; since Day One, ensuring access to clean drinking water has been a top public health priority for the Evers Administration, from declaring 2019 the Year of Clean Drinking Water and launching the PFAS Action Council to supporting wetland restoration and producer-led watershed protection efforts and more; and

WHEREAS; despite ongoing efforts to continue improving water quality in Wisconsin, including investments to replace private wells and lead service lines, improve testing and remediation, and prevent contamination, safe and clean drinking water is not always a reality for many Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; during 2026 the Year of the Neighbor and beyond, cleaning up Wisconsin's water is a key part of the state's work to keep kids, families, and communities across Wisconsin healthy and safe; and

WHEREAS; while strides have been made to secure critical funding and enforce new, stronger drinking water standards for PFAS, lead, and other contaminants statewide, more work remains to ensure the health and safety of Wisconsin kids, families, and communities, including continuing to fund restoration projects, keeping science at the forefront of research and policymaking, and working together at all levels of government to address issues of water contamination; and

WHEREAS; this week and throughout the Year of the Neighbor, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to preventing and addressing water contamination and working to guarantee safe, clean, and reliable drinking water for folks and families across Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 3 through 9 2026 as

## **DRINKING WATER WEEK**

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 23rd day of April 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State