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, guaranteeing access to clean drinking water has been a top public health priority for this administration, from declaring 2019 the Year of Clean Drinking Water and launching the PFAS Action Council to supporting wetland restoration and producer-led watershed programming to expanding resources to repair or replace contaminated private wells; 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; Wisconsin must continue to fund restoration projects, keep science at the forefront of research and policy-making, and work together at all levels of government to address issues of water contamination, including efforts to protect drinking water from PFAS, lead, nitrate, and other harmful pollutants in the state's water supply; and

WHEREAS; this week, 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 5 through 11 2024 as

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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 3rd day of May 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State