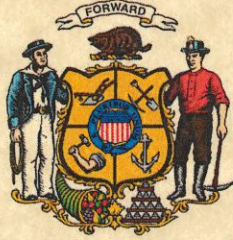


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin has long been known for its bountiful natural resources, which include over 84,000 miles of rivers and streams, approximately 800 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, more than 15,000 inland freshwater lakes, 5million acres of wetlands, and 1.2 quadrillion gallons of groundwater; and

*WHEREAS*; water is among Wisconsin's most valuable resources, and ensuring its excellence is essential to the health, safety, and quality of life of individuals across the state, alongside the many essential ecosystems that rely on the state's waterways; and

*WHEREAS*; high-quality waters are an asset to the entire state of Wisconsin, as the state's lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands generate major recreational and economic activity, including billions of dollars every year from anglers and waterfowl hunters alone, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and

*WHEREAS*; the state's surface, groundwater, and drinking water resources are interconnected, and continued efforts towards the restoration and protection of these water resources are vital to the Wisconsin way of life; and

*WHEREAS*; the state is committed to protecting Wisconsin's navigational and recreational waters, investing in conservation, and working to ensure that every Wisconsinite can drink straight from their tap without fear of contamination; and

*WHEREAS*; in partnership with the DNR, 2019 was declared the Year of Clean Drinking Water in Wisconsin, prompting numerous actions over the past six years to improve water quality across the state, including utilizing state and federal resources to assist communities with replacing lead service lines and sampling municipal water supplies for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), along with the development of Wisconsin's first enforceable statewide standards for surface water and public drinking waters to protect Wisconsinites from contaminants such as PFAS and nitrates; and

*WHEREAS*; despite ongoing efforts to continue improving water quality in the state, access to safe, clean, and reliable drinking water continues to be a concern for many across Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to making meaningful investments in water infrastructure, taking proactive measures to prevent water pollution and remedy existing contamination, and ensuring the highest quality of water in communities across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim August 2025 as

## NATIONAL WATER QUALITY MONTH

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 15th day  
of July 2025.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State