

WHEREAS; water is our most valuable natural resource and ensuring access to clean drinking water is a public health priority; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin affirms that clean drinking water should be available to folks regardless of their ZIP code, and that every Wisconsinite should be able to drink straight from their tap without fear of contamination; and

WHEREAS; it is critical that we fund restoration projects, keep science at the forefront of our research and policy making, and work together to address widespread water contamination; and

WHEREAS; in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), 2019 was declared the Year of Clean Drinking Water across our state, prompting numerous actions to improve our water quality, including funding to assist communities in addressing the urgent issue of removing lead service lines and the development of standards to protect Wisconsinites from contaminants such as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and nitrates; and

WHEREAS; despite these actions and advances in water quality, we recognize that safe and reliable drinking water continues to be inaccessible for many in our state, and that families in every corner of Wisconsin are unable to get clean drinking water from their public water systems or private wells; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the DNR in reaffirming our commitment to investing in conservation, taking proactive action to prevent pollution, and working to ensure safe, clean, and reliable drinking water for every community in our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2 through 8, 2021, as

DRINKING WATER WEEK

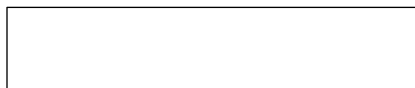
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

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 21st day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State