STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS; in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, 2019 was declared the Year of Clean Drinking Water across our state; and

WHEREAS; clean drinking water should be available to folks regardless of their zip code, and every Wisconsinite should be able to drink straight from their tap without fear of contamination; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that access to clean drinking water is not available for everyone in our state, and families from Milwaukee to Kewaunee and Marinette to Tomah are unable to get clean drinking water from their public water systems or private wells; 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; over the course of the Year of Clean Drinking Water, numerous actions were taken to improve our water quality, including the development of standards to protect Wisconsinites from contaminants such as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and nitrates; and

WHEREAS; this Drinking Water Week, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to investing in conservation, taking proactive action to prevent pollution, and ensuring safe 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 3 – 9, 2020, 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 2020.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State