

WHEREAS; as Wisconsinites, we pride ourselves on our bountiful natural resources, which include 88,000 miles of rivers and streams, approximately 1,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, more than 15,000 inland freshwater lakes, five million acres of wetlands, and 1.2 quadrillion gallons of groundwater; and

WHEREAS; water is among Wisconsin's most valuable resources and we recognize that ensuring its quality is essential to the health, safety, and quality of life of folks throughout our state; and

WHEREAS; we are committed to protecting our recreational waters, investing in conservation, and working to make clean drinking water available to all Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, 2019 was declared the Year of Clean Drinking Water across our state, prompting numerous actions to be taken to improve the quality of our water; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to funding restoration projects, keeping science at the forefront of research and policy making, taking proactive steps to prevent pollution, and ensuring that every Wisconsinite is able to drink straight from their tap without fear of contamination;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 2020 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 16th day of July 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State