

WHEREAS; as Wisconsinites, we pride ourselves on our bountiful natural resources, which include 84,000 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 ensure that every Wisconsinite is able to drink straight from their tap without fear of 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 replacing lead service lines and the development of standards to protect Wisconsinites from contaminants such as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances—or PFAS—and nitrates; and

WHEREAS; this year, with the 2021-23 biennial budget, we continue to demonstrate our commitment to improving our state's water quality, from supporting the University of Wisconsin System's Freshwater Collaborative to investing in producer-led watershed protection grants and critical water and runoff management programs; 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 tap; and

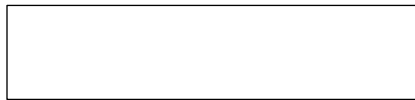
WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the DNR in reaffirming our commitment to investing in conservation, taking proactive action to prevent pollution, and ensuring the highest quality of water in communities throughout our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 2021, 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 23rd day of July 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State