

WHEREAS; created as a result of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1948, the federal Clean Water Act became national law 50 years ago in 1972, setting a national goal of making all waters fishable and swimmable; and

WHEREAS; clean water is vital to tourism, agriculture, fishery, and other industries in Wisconsin, as well as the health and well-being of all Wisconsinites, and as such, Wisconsin was one of the first states to accept responsibility to enforce the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's efforts over the past half-century—including the implementation of the point source permit program—have resulted in the clean-up of Wisconsin's major rivers and streams, the protection of the Great Lakes, and the promotion of many local businesses that use these waters; and

WHEREAS; since the implementation of the Clean Water Act, Wisconsin's waterways have seen restored oxygen levels and reduced mercury levels; and

WHEREAS; while Wisconsin has made strides in water conservation efforts, whether it's nitrate, perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), or lead, much work remains to address water contamination and to protect public health and the health of Wisconsin's vast and valuable natural resources; and

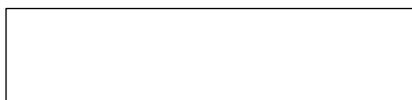
WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin celebrates the past half-century of policy and community action that the Clean Water Act has inspired and remains committed to these efforts to inform the next half-century of work in order to build a cleaner, healthier Wisconsin for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim 2022 as

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT OF 1972

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 12th day of August 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State