



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

LOCAL WATERWAYS APPRECIATION WEEK

August 24-31, 2019

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is a water-rich state with approximately 85,000 miles of streams and rivers connecting more than 700,000 acres of lakes, bays, and wetlands that are critical components of our environment, enhancing our quality of life and providing sources of recreation, scenic beauty, and habitat for wildlife; and

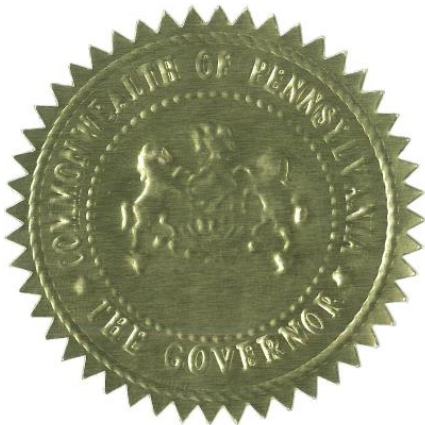
WHEREAS, these bodies of water are valuable economic resources for Pennsylvania businesses, tourism, and municipal governments, with uses ranging from flood control and water supply to agricultural purposes and aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, good water quality contributes positively to Pennsylvania's economy and is essential to the health, safety, and quality of life of Pennsylvania residents and tourists; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania recognizes the need to protect our waterways for future generations and that maintaining the health of our local waterways is our collective responsibility. Every Pennsylvanian in every community across our commonwealth can help to preserve our waterways; and

WHEREAS, LOCAL WATERWAYS APPRECIATION WEEK raises awareness and encourages Pennsylvania residents to learn common-sense actions that we can take to protect and improve local water quality.

THEREFORE, in special recognition of the vital role our lakes, rivers, and local waterways play in our environment and the well-being of our state, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim August 24-31, 2019 as LOCAL WATERWAYS APPRECIATION WEEK. I encourage all citizens and communities to actively participate in the protection and preservation of our local waterways.



Given under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this fifth day of August two thousand nineteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-fourth.

Tom Wolf
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Governor