
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of May 5 through 11, 2019, as "Drinking
2 Water Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, While 71% of the earth's surface is covered with
4 water, only 3.5% of that water is suitable for human
5 consumption; and

6 WHEREAS, Groundwater, the water that soaks into the soil from
7 raindrops and moves downward to fill cracks and other openings
8 in beds of rock and sand, makes up approximately 30% of the
9 freshwater on earth, not including polar ice caps; and

10 WHEREAS, Individual water wells tapping groundwater resources
11 provide high-quality water to many homeowners and businesses;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Few people consider water supply when choosing a
14 home or when taking a stand on local water supply regulations;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, There are 1,949 municipally owned or investor-owned
17 community drinking water systems that provide high-quality water

1 to homeowners and businesses; and

2 WHEREAS, The Department of Environmental Protection upholds
3 Federal and State drinking water standards for all of those
4 systems; and

5 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission regulates
6 the rates and service of investor-owned water companies in this
7 Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, The mission of the Pennsylvania Public Utility
9 Commission is to ensure that safe and reliable service is
10 provided to ratepayers at a reasonable price; and

11 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority
12 (PENNVEST) provides low-cost financial assistance for
13 infrastructure improvements to community drinking water systems;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Ongoing cooperation among the Department of
16 Environmental Protection, the Pennsylvania Public Utility
17 Commission and PENNVEST strengthens drinking water system
18 viability, enhances service, increases economies of scale,
19 regionally maximizes efficient water supply and use and fosters
20 economic development; and

21 WHEREAS, A State water plan has been developed to coordinate
22 regional, county and local water allocation and use, land
23 development planning and related zoning requirements under Act
24 220 of 2002; and

25 WHEREAS, The American Water Works Association established
26 "National Drinking Water Week" more than 40 years ago to call
27 attention to water as a precious natural resource; and

28 WHEREAS, Water conservation and water quality maintenance are
29 essential to this Commonwealth and our nation; and

30 WHEREAS, Many of us take for granted the instantaneous

1 availability 24 hours a day of a safe and reliable drinking
2 water service provided by viable community drinking water
3 systems; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of May 5 through
5 11, 2019, as "Drinking Water Week" in Pennsylvania to heighten
6 awareness of drinking water treatment, monitoring, distribution
7 and related costs and urge all residents of this Commonwealth to
8 protect our watersheds, conserve our precious drinking water
9 supply and preserve its superior quality.