

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the infrastructure that brings water to and from homes and businesses is essential to the quality of life and economic vitality of St. Charles Parish; and,
WHEREAS, 52,725 residents on average utilize 55 gallons of water per person, per day; and,
WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish Waterworks Department produced 2.147 billion gallons of water in 2017 for the residents and business of St. Charles Parish; and,
WHEREAS, water crises across the country, ranging from contaminated water, to drought, to flooding, show the severe impacts of what can happen to the public health and well-being of a community without access to clean drinking water; and,
WHEREAS, utilities nationwide are grappling with aging infrastructure and lack reliable revenue and funding to maintain systems let alone upgrade their systems; and,
WHEREAS, one-fifth of the U.S. economy would grind to a halt without a reliable and clean source of water; and,
WHEREAS, managing water responsibly is critical to our nation's public and environmental health and to a high quality of life through economic commerce, power generation, and recreation; and,
WHEREAS, investing in our drinking water and wastewater systems will secure a bright and prosperous future for generations to come; and,
WHEREAS, innovation in water conservation and water reuse will drive job growth, economic development, and establish a 21st century paradigm of water management in the United States; and,
WHEREAS, decentralized stormwater infrastructure will not only ease the burden on our sewers but will provide a maximum return in benefits to the public, the economy, and the environment; and,
WHEREAS, for each job created in the water sector, another 3.68 jobs are added in the national economy. And for every \$1 spent on infrastructure improvements, the US generates \$6 in returns; and,
WHEREAS, different regions face different water challenges, so the solutions to strengthen our drinking water and wastewater systems must be locally driven, but reinvestment in our water must be a national priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018 AS

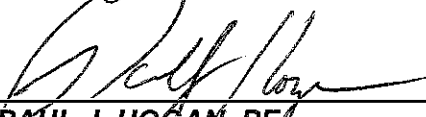
"NATIONAL DAY WITHOUT WATER DAY"

IN ST. CHARLES PARISH AND RECOGNIZES THAT WATER IS ESSENTIAL TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS AND ACKNOWLEDGES THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE VALUE OF WATER THROUGH THE "IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER" CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2018.

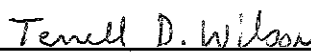
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT ST. CHARLES PARISH IS DEDICATED TO INVESTING IN SAFE AND RELIABLE WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND CALLS ON OUR FEDERAL PARTNERS TO BRING MUCH-NEEDED FUNDING AND INNOVATION TO PROTECT AND RESTORE OUR CRITICAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.



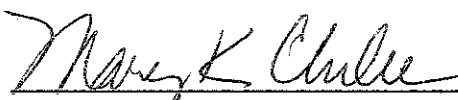
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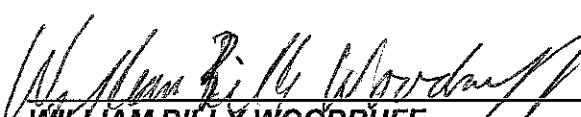
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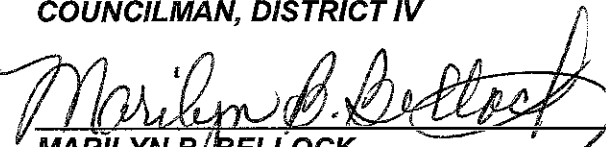
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