



Northern Virginia Regional Commission

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 16-08

PATRON: G. Mark Gibb
Executive Director
DATE: December 10, 2015

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROCLAMATION – MAKING JUNE 30 DRINKING WATER & WASTEWATER PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION DAY IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Whereas, before reliable water and wastewater treatment, thousands of people in the United States died of waterborne diseases like cholera, dysentery, typhoid, polio and hepatitis each year; and,

Whereas, the World Health Organization estimates that unsafe water supplies in developing nations still cause approximately 1.8 million human deaths annually; and,

Whereas, technological advances by water and wastewater professionals have improved the treatment of both drinking water and wastewater in Virginia and nationwide; and,

Whereas, having clean drinking water is crucial to the health and safety of more than an estimated 8.3 million Virginians; and,

Whereas, treatment of Virginia's average of more than 620 million gallons of wastewater each day plays a critical role in reducing toxic chemicals and nutrient buildup in Virginia's surface waters such as the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay; and,

Whereas, thousands of water and wastewater industry professionals in the Commonwealth of Virginia dedicate their careers to keeping treated drinking water and wastewater clean and free of disease-carrying organisms that can harm both humans and the environment; and,

Whereas, the Prince William County Service Authority (PWCSA) has petitioned a resolution to the Virginia General Assembly's Division of Legislative Services, and Delegate Richard Anderson-51st District has agreed to champion the legislation resolving that June 30 be recognized annually as Water and Wastewater Professionals Appreciation Day in the Commonwealth of Virginia,

Whereas, the Virginia Section of the American Water Works Association and the Virginia Water Environment Association (member association of the Water Environment Federation) support the recognition of a Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals Appreciation Day;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, NVRC supports the petition to the Virginia General Assembly for the establishment of a Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals Appreciation Day and directs the Executive Director to transmit this Resolution to the Virginia General Assembly's Division of Legislative Services.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on December 10, 2015.


G. Mark Gibb, Certifying Officer

