

State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, water is one of our most valuable economic, environmental, and recreational resources; and

WHEREAS, safe drinking water sustains the life, health, and safety of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, abundant water supplies attract industry and investment, and create jobs; and

WHEREAS, proper transport and treatment of wastewater contributes to healthy communities and improved water quality for streams, rivers, and lakes; and

WHEREAS, water and wastewater professionals maintain and operate the infrastructure, facilities, and services that are vital to sustainable and resilient communities, public health, high quality of life, and the well-being of all Missourians; and

WHEREAS, communities rely on water and wastewater professionals to maintain services through extreme weather events, such as drought, flooding, ice storms, and other difficult times; and

WHEREAS, water and wastewater professionals play a critical role in reducing vulnerabilities and protecting utilities against cyberattacks; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's water and wastewater professionals include certified operators, maintenance personnel, laboratory staff, wastewater collection crews, biosolids workers, industrial waste pretreatment personnel, engineers, administrative staff, and others; and

WHEREAS, Water and Wastewater Professionals Week is a unique opportunity to recognize the vital role water and wastewater professionals play in our daily lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim September 9-15, 2024, to be

## WATER AND WASTEWATER PROFESSIONALS WEEK

## in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.



Michael L. Par GOVERNOR

ATTEST: