

By the [Title (Mayor/Supervisor/Manager)]:

Whereas, the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) was established 50 years ago in 1974 with the paramount goal of protecting public health by ensuring safe and reliable drinking water to all residents; and

Whereas, over the past fifty years, the SDWA has served as a critical framework for the protection of water quality and public health, setting stringent standards for water suppliers and fostering innovations in water treatment and management; and

Whereas, the Act has empowered state and local agencies to rigorously enforce regulations, conduct thorough inspections, and implement necessary improvements to water infrastructure, thereby safeguarding the environment and public welfare; and

Whereas, we are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which future generations will depend, and as citizens, we are called upon to help protect our waters from pollution and to practice water conservation; and,

Whereas, the dedicated efforts of countless individuals have been instrumental in the Act's successful implementation, ensuring that present and future generations of Michigan residents have access to clean, safe drinking water; and

Whereas, the 50th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act represents a significant milestone that underscores the importance of continued investment in water quality and infrastructure to meet the challenges of the 21st century, including climate change and emerging contaminants; and

Whereas, with [add source water here] as the source, [City/Township/County/Village] is blessed with an abundance of fresh water, a resource whose value to public health and economic vitality cannot be understated, we encourage consumers to take advantage of opportunities to learn more about water resources within their community and what they can do to help protect it; and,

Whereas, it is appropriate and fitting for the [City of/Township of/County of/Village of] to recognize and commemorate this landmark anniversary, to reflect on the achievements made possible by the Act, and to reaffirm our collective commitment to protecting public health through the provision of safe drinking water;

Now, therefore, I, [Name], [Title] of the [City/Township/County/Village], do hereby proclaim December 16, 2024 as the 50th Anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act and urge all citizens to recognize and participate in its observance and reflect upon the importance of reliable access to clean water and the preservation of our water resources for us today and future generations that follow.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the [City of/Township of/County of/Village of] _____, this ____ day of ____ [Month], ____ [Year].

[Signature]

[Name]

[Title]