STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; enacted into federal law on December 16, 1974, the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) serves to safeguard drinking water and protect public health across the United States by regulating the nation's drinking water supply; and

WHEREAS; over the past 50 years, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has collaborated with state government, public water systems, local agencies, water quality organizations, Tribal Nations, and concerned individuals to manage drinking water resources with an emphasis on serving overburdened communities; and

WHEREAS; in addition, thanks to the dedicated work of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and its partners, in the last 50 years, the overall safety of Wisconsin's drinking water has also drastically improved due to upgraded treatment and disinfection, contaminant reduction, proactive work on emergent contaminants, source water protection, and science-based decision- making; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to more than 11,000 public water systems, more than any other state in the country, and the state has consistently worked to enforce and monitor the SDWA, yielding compliance rates consistently above 98 percent; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins the DNR and EPA, as well as local, state, and national partners, in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the SDWA and reaffirms its commitment to continuing the work to ensure future generations have safe and plentiful drinking water;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim December 16, 2024, as

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 27th day of November 2024.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State