

THURSTON COUNTY

Proclamation

Drinking Water Week

WHEREAS, healthy communities and a vibrant economy rely on safe and reliable drinking water; and

WHEREAS, any measure of a successful society – low mortality rates, economic growth and diversity, productivity, and public safety – are in some way related to access to safe water; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County is blessed with an abundant ground water resources that provide a safe and reliable source of water; and

WHEREAS, some 918 public water systems and thousands of individual wells provide drinking water to over 99 percent of Thurston County's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated men and women who work every day to operate, maintain, manage and protect Thurston County's public water supplies deserve our gratitude for their tireless efforts to keep our water safe and flowing; and

WHEREAS, each resident of our county can help sustain our water resources by educating themselves about their drinking water, practicing water conservation, and getting involved with local efforts to protect their waters from pollution; and

WHEREAS, what we do today to protect our drinking water and invest in the infrastructure that delivers it will affect the prosperity and well-being of future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Thurston County Board of Health hereby proclaims **May 6-12, 2018 as Drinking Water Week** and calls upon all people in Thurston County to recognize this precious resource and to help protect our source waters from pollution, to practice water conservation, to actively become involved in local water issues, and plan for its efficient use.

Adopted this 8th day of May, 2018

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