

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-149

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 17, 2019

To recognize and honor the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (“D.C. Water”) and to declare October 15, 2019 as “Drink DC Tap Water Day”.

WHEREAS, since 1859, DC Water, which has operated under different names, has been providing water service to the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, in 1996, DC Water became the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC WASA), an independent authority of the District of Columbia, providing services to the District of Columbia and suburban Maryland and Virginia;

WHEREAS, DC Water is the only regional water authority in the country that provides service across 3 different state jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, in 2010, DC Water rebranded and is viewed nationally as one of the most innovative and forward-leaning water utilities in the country;

WHEREAS, DC Water has a diverse workforce and numerous programs to help train and hire District residents;

WHEREAS, DC Water annually participates in more than 70 community, civic and governmental events in neighborhoods in all 8 wards;

WHEREAS, DC Water has multiple programs in place to assist customers with their water bills and operates as efficiently as possible as an independent government agency;

WHEREAS, DC Water tests drinking water more than 40,000 times a year to ensure it exceeds all standards for safety and quality as set by the Environmental Protection Agency;

WHEREAS, DC tap water is enhanced with fluoride to protect consumers from tooth decay and improve public health;

WHEREAS, DC Water is committed to helping customers remove their lead pipes and operates 3 lead service line replacement programs;

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WHEREAS, DC Water offers free annual lead testing to residential and commercial customers;

WHEREAS, DC tap water is more than 1,000 times less expensive than bottled water;

WHEREAS, DC tap water is more convenient and more accessible than bottled water;

WHEREAS, DC tap water is more sustainable than bottled water and does not require harmful single use plastics in order to be enjoyed.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited at the “Drink DC Tap Water Day Ceremonial Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors D.C. Water for more than a century of providing drinking water to the citizens of the District of Columbia and declares October 15, 2019 as “Drink DC Tap Water Day”.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.