



Proclamation By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, water is our most valuable natural resource; and

WHEREAS, drinking water serves a vital role in daily life, serving an essential purpose to health, hydration and hygiene needs for the quality of life our citizens enjoy; and

WHEREAS, tap water delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for our economy and the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, when communities invest in community water fluoridation, there is an average estimated return on investment of \$20 in dental treatment costs for every one dollar in most cities; and

WHEREAS, designing capital projects, operators ensuring the safety and quality of drinking water and members of a pipe crew maintaining the infrastructure which communities rely on to transport high quality drinking water from its source to consumers' taps is hard work performed by the entire water sector; and

WHEREAS, we are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which current and future generations depend; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Alabama are called upon to help protect our source waters from pollution, practice water conservation and to get involved with their water by familiarizing themselves with it;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 5 through May 11, 2024, as

Drinking Water Week

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 11th day of April 2024.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor



Seated: Governor Kay Ivey; Standing L-R: Ron Dawsey, ADPH, Bureau Director, Bureau of Environmental Services; Alexander Chavers, ADEM, Chief, Water Supply Engineering Section; Deja Collis, ADEM, Water Supply Engineering Section; Jerena Webb, Alabama Rural Water Association; Robert White IV, Alabama Rural Water Association, Executive Director; Jennifer Morris, ADPH, Oral Health Office; Mallory Riggsby, ADPH, Oral Health Office; Dr. Tommy Johnson, ADPH, State Dental Director; Amanda Martin, ADPH, Bureau Director, Family Health Services, Karl Bryant, ADPH, Office of Primary Care and Rural Health