

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, polluted stormwater runoff discharged into rivers, lakes, streams, and other waterways can result in the death of wildlife, destructions of vital ecosystems, contamination of drinking water resources, and disruption of recreational activity, threatening public health; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Act of 1972 prohibits the discharge of any pollutant to navigable waters of the United States, unless authorized by the Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, a major source of pollutants in the navigable waters of the United States and Wisconsin is polluted urban and suburban stormwater runoff that flows directly into our waters, untreated; and

WHEREAS, the common sources of stormwater pollution are sediments, road salt, automotive chemicals, litter and debris, household hazardous chemicals, bacteria, nutrients, and yard and pet waste; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that pollutants be prevented from entering stormwater runoff from Watertown's roadways, homes, and businesses, and stormwater runoff impacts water quality in Watertown; and

WHEREAS, we can minimize the impact on our waterways to continue to make Watertown a great place to live, work, and play.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emily McFarland, Mayor of the City of Watertown, do hereby proclaim August 5-13, 2023, as

Wisconsin Stormwater Week

in Watertown as well as throughout the state and encourage the community to observe this.



IN WITNESS HEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Watertown, State of Wisconsin, on this 4th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-three.


Emily McFarland, Mayor

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