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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 168

DESIGNATING MAY 21, 2024, AS “WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT AND DRINKING WATER MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS' DAY” IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, before the implementation of reliable drinking water and wastewater treatment, thousands of people  
2 in the United States died of waterborne diseases like cholera, dysentery, typhoid, polio, and hepatitis each year; and

3 WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control estimates that 1.7 to 2.2 million people die from waterborne diseases  
4 each year, most of the deaths occur in children and vulnerable populations across the world; and

5 WHEREAS, technological advances by water and wastewater professionals have improved the treatment of both  
6 drinking water and wastewater in Delaware, the United States, and the world; and

7 WHEREAS, access to clean drinking water is crucial to the health and safety of more than 1 million Delawareans;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, in Delaware, residents use approximately 1.9 million gallons of public water daily; and

10 WHEREAS, much of the drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States is located underground  
11 in millions of miles of pipes, unseen by the public; and

12 WHEREAS, thousands of water and wastewater industry professionals in Delaware dedicate their careers to  
13 keeping drinking water and treated wastewater clean and free of disease carrying organisms that can harm both humans and  
14 the environment; and

15 WHEREAS, the DNREC Division of Water manages and protects Delaware’s water resources and performs  
16 applied research and technical assistance, laboratory services, and regulatory guidance and implementation.

17 NOW, THEREFORE:

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of  
19 Representatives concurring therein, that the members of the General Assembly hereby designate May 21, 2024, as  
20 “Wastewater Management and Drinking Water Management Professionals Day” in the State of Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This Senate Concurrent Resolution designates May 21, 2024, as "Wastewater Management and Drinking Water Management Professionals Day" in the State of Delaware.

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