

Amherst County Service Authority Board County Resolution No. 2018-A-0002-R

For consideration on June 5, 2018

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2018-A-0002-R

A resolution, designating June 30 in 2018 and in each succeeding year as "Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals Appreciation Day in Amherst County", coinciding with House Joint Resolution No. 88, adopted by the Virginia House of Delegates January 26, 2016, and by the Virginia Senate February 23, 2016, for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Approved as to form by the County Attorney

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMHERST COUNTY SERVICE AUTHORITY BOARD:

- I. That the Amherst County Service Authority Board adopts Resolution No. 2018-A-0002-R, as follows:
- WHEREAS, before the implementation of reliable drinking water and wastewater treatment, thousands of people in the United States died of waterborne diseases like cholera, dysentery, typhoid, polio, and hepatitis each year; and
- **WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization estimates that unsafe water supplies in developing nations still cause approximately 1.8 million deaths annually; and
- WHEREAS, technological advances by water and wastewater professionals have improved the treatment of both drinking water and wastewater in Amherst County, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the United States, and the world; and
- WHEREAS, access to clean drinking water is crucial to the health and safety of more than thirty two thousand Amherst County residents; and
- WHEREAS, collection and treatment of Amherst County's average of more than three hundred thousand gallons of wastewater each day plays a critical role in reducing toxic chemicals and nutrient buildup in Virginia's surface waters, such as James River and Chesapeake Bay; and
- **WHEREAS**, much of the drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in Amherst County, over 200 miles of piping, is located underground, unseen by the public; and
- WHEREAS, Amherst County Service Authority's staff of drinking water and wastewater industry professionals dedicate their careers to keeping drinking water and treated wastewater clean and free of disease-carrying organisms that can harm both humans and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Section of the American Water Works Association and the Virginia Water Environment association (member association of the Water Environment Federation), as well as the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, and the Virginia Rural Water Association, supported the creation of the Commonwealth of Virginia's "Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals Appreciation Day";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AMHERST COUNTY SERVICE AUTHORITY BOARD:

That June 30, in 2018 and in each succeeding year, shall be designated "Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals Appreciation Day in the County of Amherst, Virginia", and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Amherst County Service Authority Director of Public Utilities and the Amherst County Administrator shall post this Resolution No. 2018-A-0002-R on the web sites of Amherst County Service Authority and Amherst County during the entire month of June each year, starting in 2018.

II. That this resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

Adopted this 5th day of June, 2018.

Claudia D. Tucker, Chair

Amherst County Service Authority Board

ATTEST:

Dean C. Rodgers, Secretary

Amherst County Service Authority Board

Ayes 4

Nays Ø

Abstentions _