

Commendation

WHEREAS, the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), enacted on December 16, 1974, represents one of the most significant milestones in our nation's public health history, establishing the foundation for ensuring clean, safe, and reliable drinking water for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, for the past 50 years, the SDWA has set national standards for drinking water quality, protecting our citizens from harmful contaminants, ensuring safe consumption for communities, schools, businesses, and protecting our most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona recognizes the critical importance of clean, healthy and accessible drinking water to the health, economy, and overall quality of life for all Arizonans, especially in light of our unique water resource challenges in the desert Southwest; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's water systems, public officials, water utilities, and environmental advocates have worked tirelessly over the past five decades to meet and exceed the standards set by the SDWA, ensuring the continued supply of high-quality drinking water despite rapid population growth, urbanization, and evolving environmental pressures; and

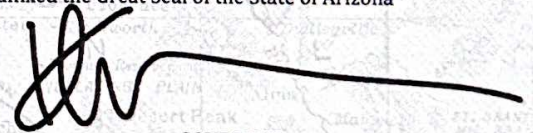
WHEREAS, as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of this landmark legislation, we honor the ongoing efforts of Arizona's water professionals and public health officials who play a vital role in safeguarding our state's water resources, planning for future demands, and fostering innovative solutions to water quality and management; and

WHEREAS, continued commitment to the goals of the SDWA remains essential to ensuring Arizona's long-term sustainability and resilience in the face of future challenges, including emerging contaminants, PFAS, drought, and evolving contamination threats; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Arizona are encouraged to reflect on the importance of water stewardship and to support efforts that protect and preserve the purity and availability of drinking water for current and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby recognize December 16, 2024 as the 50th Anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act in the State of Arizona, and I urge all citizens to join in recognizing and celebrating the progress made, as well as reaffirming our commitment to ensuring clean, healthy, and affordable drinking water for all.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-fifth day of November in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

