



Imagine a Day Without Water

October 19, 2023

Imagine a Day Without Water 2023: Resolution Template

Recognizing the ninth annual “Imagine a Day Without Water” National Day of Action on October 19, 2023, as an organized effort to educate the public about where water comes from, where it goes, and the challenges local water utilities and providers face; the criticality of clean, accessible water to public health and quality of life; and the need to invest in our aging water systems, the [organization] hereby resolves:

Whereas, the infrastructure that brings [xxx] residents an average of [xx] gallons of water per person, per day, and then safely returns water to the environment is essential to the quality of life, environment, and economic vitality of [city]; and

Whereas, water infrastructure is the lifeline of our communities; a day without water would be a public health and safety crisis, limiting the abilities of safety personnel such as firefighters and hospital staff, as well as businesses and homes, to function; and

Whereas, communities and families need jobs, and closing the gap in water infrastructure investment would bring new jobs to our communities and families and raise the household disposable income; and

Whereas, our water infrastructure is necessary for a thriving economy, and a single nationwide day without water service would put our entire economy at risk; and

Whereas, America’s water infrastructure is aging and failing—and an estimated two million Americans are living without access to adequate drinking water and sanitation, often relying on bottled water, potentially living in unsafe and unsanitary conditions; and

Whereas, Black, Indigenous, and Communities of Color, as well as low-income communities, are more likely to experience this lack of water and sanitation than are white or affluent communities; and

Whereas, we can help secure a better future for the millions of Americans who don’t have reliable water service today and in the generations to come; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that [organization] recognizes water is essential to quality of life, public safety, and economic health and, accordingly, acknowledges the importance of educating the public about the value of water through the “Imagine a Day Without Water” campaign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that [organization] is dedicated to investing in safe and reliable water and wastewater infrastructure and calls on our federal partners to continue dedicating much-needed funding and innovation to protect and restore our critical water infrastructure.