



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, safe drinking water is a valuable resource essential to sustaining all life and is crucial for the health of the people of Connecticut; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut has an abundant and well-protected supply of water; and

*W*HEREAS, tap water delivers public health protection, contributes to the quality of life we enjoy, supports public safety through fire protection, and strengthens our economy; and

*W*HEREAS, any measure of a successful society, such as low mortality rates, healthy residents, sustainable and resilient economic growth, productivity, and public safety are in some way related to the access of safe water; and

*W*HEREAS, we are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which future generations depend and we are charged with making it sustainable for the continued protection of public health; and

*W*HEREAS, many dedicated people have made significant contributions in developing, operating, and maintaining Connecticut's public drinking water systems; and

*W*HEREAS, what we do today to protect our drinking water and enhance its sustainability will affect the prosperity, public health, and well-being of future generations; and

*W*HEREAS, Connecticut citizens are encouraged to recognize this resource and to help protect our source waters from pollution, to practice water conservation, to become involved in regional and local drinking water issues and to plan for its sustainable use; and

*W*HEREAS, the Department of Public Health, all of Connecticut's drinking water utilities, certified water operators, and workers perform important work to help make safe drinking water possible in our state; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the week of May 7 - 13, 2017 as

DRINKING WATER WEEK
in the State of Connecticut.




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