



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri Rural Water Association recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain a highly-skilled workforce that is capable of meeting demands of the industry we serve:  
and

**WHEREAS**, the United States currently faces a skills gap in the number of qualified and available workers to supply the needs across the water and wastewater industry; and

**WHEREAS**, apprenticeship programs are uniquely capable of providing the academic and work-based learning required to develop in-demand skills in conjunction with employment; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Howard Baker, Executive Director of the Missouri Rural Water Association, call upon Missouri Municipalities, Water Districts and Sewer Districts to recognize the value of apprenticeships, and to promote industry awareness and expansion during the sixth anniversary of:



IN SUPPORT,



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