

## Proclamation

## Drinking Water Week May 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> City of Somerville, Massachusetts Proclamation

Whereas: water is our most valuable natural resource; and

Whereas: drinking water serves a vital role in daily life, serving an essential purpose to health,

hydration and hygiene needs for the quality of life our citizens enjoy; and

Whereas: tap water delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for our economy and

the quality of life we enjoy; and

Whereas: the hard work performed by the entire water sector, designing capital projects, operators

ensuring the safety and quality of drinking water or a member of a pipe crew maintaining the infrastructure communities rely on to transport high quality drinking water from its

source to consumers' taps; and

Whereas, the coronavirus pandemic has shone a light on the importance of drinking water for health, hydration and hygiene needs; and

Whereas, we are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which current and future generations depend; and

Whereas, the citizens of our city are called upon to help protect our source waters from pollution, practice water conservation and get involved with their water by familiarizing themselves with it;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of our City, I do hereby proclaim May 7-13, 2023, as Drinking Water Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023

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**MAYOR**