



State of Rhode Island  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION  
**Clean Water Week**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Rhode Island is blessed with numerous water resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Rhode Island rely on clean water surface waters as sources of drinking water and for business and recreational activities, and for healthy natural environments; and

**WHEREAS**, 120 million gallons of household, commercial, and industrial wastewater is produced, collected, treated, and discharged every day in the State of Rhode Island; and

**WHEREAS**, the wastewater systems and their employees in communities around the State, through the provision of technical, reliable, and high quality services, play a critical role in reducing water pollution and protecting public health; and

**WHEREAS**, the wastewater is treated to very stringent standards set by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in order to protect the receiving waters of the State and Narragansett Bay, even providing for reuse; and

**WHEREAS**, March 31<sup>st</sup> is Clean Water Legislative Day, being held at the Rhode Island State House, which celebrates the important role in public health; and

**WHEREAS**, we take this opportunity to celebrate the value of water in our daily lives and thank the public utilities individuals for their essential, but thankless efforts that directly contribute to the quality of life in the State of Rhode Island.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel J. McKee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim March 24- April 3, 2022 to be **Clean Water Week** in the State and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the important role of wastewater treatment in our communities and to celebrate the men and women who operate and maintain our state and local investments in clean water.



Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island,  
this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022.

**Daniel J. McKee**  
Governor

**Nellie M. Gorbea**  
Secretary of State