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To Celebrate May 5-11, 2024 as "Drinking Water Week" and Recognize the Numerous Contributions of the City of Columbus' Water Quality Assurance Laboratory (WQAL) and the Department of Public Utilities Division of Water

WHEREAS, communities across North America celebrate May 5-11, 2024 as "Drinking Water Week", a time to highlight the importance of safe drinking water and recognize the tireless efforts of local water professionals who ensure its availability; and

WHEREAS, this year's celebration coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), a landmark law designed to safeguard the public by setting high drinking water quality standards.

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 Department of Public Utilities Division of water, designing capital projects, operators ensuring the safety and quality of drinking water or a member of a pipe crew maintaining the infrastructure our community rely on to transport high quality drinking water from its source to consumers' taps; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus' Water Quality Assurance Laboratory (WQAL) has a long history of distinguished public service starting under the noted water quality chemist Charles Hoover; and

WHEREAS, The WQAL performs water quality monitoring and treatment research to ensure that Columbus drinking water meets or is better than all federally mandated Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) standards; and

WHEREAS, all water professionals, from engineers designing infrastructure to operators monitoring treatment plants around the clock, play a critical role in ensuring safe and reliable drinking water to City of Columbus community; and

WHEREAS, they are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which current and future generations depend; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby celebrates the numerous contributions of the Columbus Department of Public Utilities Division of water and Columbus' Water Quality Assurance Laboratory (WQAL); and recognizes May 5-11, 2024 as "Drinking Water Week".