

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Governor Dalrymple Proclaims Drinking Water Week



*Pictured are: Larry Thelen, Past-Director, North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association; Eric Volk, Executive Director, North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association; Bill Gefroh, Secretary/Treasurer, North Dakota Water Environment Association; Jeff Heintz, President, North Dakota Chapter of the American Public Works Association; LeeAnn Tillitson, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Health; Governor Jack Dalrymple; and Sarah Volk, North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference Director.*

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BISMARCK, N.D. – Gov. Jack Dalrymple has declared Sunday, May 1 through Saturday, May 7, 2016, as Drinking Water Week in North Dakota.

This annual event is dedicated to the belief that North Dakotans should have a safe and dependable supply of water, both now and in the future. Citizens are called upon to help protect the state's source waters from pollution.

Drinking Water Week recognizes the importance of source water protection and water conservation, as well as the value, importance and fragility of the state's water resources.

Organizations involved in the promotion of Drinking Water Week include the North Dakota Department of Health, the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association, the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference, the North Dakota Chapter of the American Public Works Association, the North Dakota Water Environment Association and the North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association.

**PROCLAMATION  
DRINKING WATER WEEK  
MAY 1-7, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, water is our most valuable natural resource; and

**WHEREAS**, only tap water delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for our economy and the quality of life we enjoy; and

**WHEREAS**, any measure of a successful society – low mortality rates, economic growth and diversity, productivity, and public safety – are in some way related to access to safe water; and

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

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are encouraged to help protect our source waters from pollution, to practice water conservation, and to get involved in local water issues during the first week of May.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2016, as **DRINKING WATER WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

Jack Dalrymple  
Governor

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