

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, public awareness of the importance of safe tap water is critical to supporting and sustaining this resource; and

**WHEREAS**, competing water challenges, such as climate change, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other emerging contaminants, water resources, aging infrastructure and economic development continue to impact our state, and healthy communities and a vibrant economy rely on safe and reliable drinking water; and

**WHEREAS**, the dedicated men and women who work to operate, maintain and manage Washington's public water systems during crisis situations, as well as everyday challenges, deserve our gratitude for their tireless efforts to keep our water safe, clean and flowing; and

**WHEREAS**, each person in our state can help sustain our water resources by educating themselves about their drinking water, practicing water conservation and getting involved in local efforts to protect their waters from pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, what we do today to protect our drinking water and invest in the infrastructure that delivers it will affect the prosperity and well-being of future generations;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2025, as

### *Drinking Water Week*

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025

Governor Bob Ferguson

