**Proclamation**

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2022, the nation marks the 50th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act, which aimed to prevent, reduce, and eliminate pollution in the nation's water to "restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's waters; and

WHEREAS this landmark environmental legislation that has been central to the important progress we have made as [a nation] in improving the quality and health of our rivers, streams, lakes wetlands and watersheds and

WHEREAS the citizens of [this nation] are dependent on clean waters to protect public health; and

WHEREAS [the nation’s] abundant lakes, rivers, and streams provide its citizens with numerous recreational and commercial opportunities and greatly enhance their quality of life; and

WHEREAS clean water plays a vital role in the economic prosperity of [the nation] by providing a sustainable commercial fishing industry; supporting industry; yielding a robust tourism industry, and sustaining our tourism and agricultural sectors; and

WHEREAS, in the last 50 years, the overall health of our marine waters, lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands has also dramatically improved; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has cooperated with States, tribes, local communities, businesses, and concerned individuals to significantly reduce all forms of water pollution, making our waters better suited for recreation and other pursuits and more hospitable to aquatic life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that I do hereby proclaim the year beginning October 18, 2022, as the Year of Clean Water in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act.

YEAR OF CLEAN WATER

I call upon all citizens to observe this year with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities, and to join in and encourage all the citizens to work together to appreciate and to protect clean water as a vital resource for our State.