October 18, 2022

Fellow Hoosiers:

It gives me great pleasure to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act, which aimed to prevent, reduce, and eliminate pollution in our nation’s water to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of our waterways.

Clean water plays a vital role in the health of Hoosiers, the opportunities we have for recreation, and our state’s economic prosperity. I commend the Indiana Department of Environmental Management’s Office of Water Quality for your continued commitment to protecting one of our state’s most precious resources - water.

In the last 50 years, the overall health of our waterways, lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands has dramatically improved. Indiana has worked closely with federal and local partners, environmental organizations, and our sister states to significantly reduce all forms of pollution, making our waters healthier for everyone.

While reaching 50 years is an incredible achievement, I know you’ll continue to work to protect the quality and health of our state’s rivers, lakes, and streams for years to come.

Congratulations on marking this major milestone. I encourage all Hoosiers to celebrate it by working to appreciate and protect clean water as a vital resource for our great state. Thank you again for all you do!

Sincerely,

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Governor of Indiana