

# **OHIO RIVER VALLEY WATER SANITATION COMMISSION**

## **RESOLUTION 6-22**

### **Year of Clean Water**

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2022, the Nation marks the 50<sup>th</sup> 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";

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Act 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;

WHEREAS, ORSANCO's collaborative efforts among its member States and the Federal Government to control and abate pollution in the Ohio River Basin served as a model for the Clean Water Act;

WHEREAS, ORSANCO and its member States have cooperated with the Federal Government under ORSANCO's Compact and, later, the Clean Water Act, to significantly reduce all forms of water pollution, making the Nation's waters better suited for recreation, and other pursuits, and more hospitable to aquatic life;

WHEREAS, the Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA) has asked ORSANCO and other governments and organizations to recognize and celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Clean Water Act on October 18, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission approves the attached Year of Clean Water Proclamation, recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Clean Water Act and authorizes the Executive Director to communicate such recognition to ACWA and the general public as he deems appropriate.

Adopted by Commission Action

June 16, 2022