



RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08

A RESOLUTION of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (the “Commission”) recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act and its role with preventing, reducing or eliminating pollution to “restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation’s waters”.

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Act, passed on October 18, 1972, has been central to improving the health of the nation’s waters for 50 years, and as a result has been central to the health of the Susquehanna River Basin and the Chesapeake Bay as well; and

WHEREAS, the Susquehanna River Basin Compact (“Compact”), which went into effect in 1971, empowers its Board of Commissioners “to conserve, protect, and utilize the water quality of the basin in accordance with the best interests of the people of the basin and the states,” and also “to encourage and coordinate the efforts of the signatory parties to prevent, reduce, control, and eliminate water pollution and to maintain water quality as required by the comprehensive plan.” (Compact § 5.2(a)); and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s member jurisdictions have collaborated together to improve water quality conditions recognizing the Susquehanna Basin as a shared and cherished resource important to its citizens to support clean drinking water, a sustainable economy, recreation and a healthy aquatic ecosystem; and


WHEREAS, the efforts coordinated through the implementation of pollution controls under the Clean Water Act among the Commission’s member states and the federal government have produced improvements in water quality conditions for rivers and streams in the Susquehanna Basin, and for the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA) has asked the Commission and other government agencies and organizations to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Commission recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act and authorizes the Executive Director to communicate such recognition to ACWA and the general public as appropriate.

Dated: December 15, 2022



Lisa Daniels, Vice Chair
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