Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, West Virginia American Water will commemorate *National Infrastructure Week* starting Monday, May 13 through Friday, May 17. The company will highlight its commitment to replacing and upgrading infrastructure that addresses the evolving needs of water and wastewater systems across the Mountain State; and

Whereas, As the state's largest water and wastewater utility, West Virginia American Water believes that ongoing investment into its treatment and distribution systems is an essential component of the company's commitment to providing safe, reliable service to nearly a third of the state's population; and

Whereas, National Infrastructure Week offers an excellent opportunity for West Virginia American Water to share information about continued infrastructure investments and to explain why they are so important to the communities now and well into the future; and

Whereas, in 2024, West Virginia American Water plans to invest approximately \$97 million in water and wastewater infrastructure improvements throughout its service territory. Projects include replacement of over 20 miles of water main, replacement of mechanical and process components at water and wastewater plants, installation of new water main to serve troubled systems and replacement of pumps at various booster and lift stations; and

Whereas, West Virginia American Water recognizes the vital role our infrastructure investments play in improving quality of life, driving economic growth and creating jobs in the state; and

Whereas, West Virginia American Water values and appreciates its employees, contractors and state and local agencies who work together to execute these projects annually.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 13-17, 2024* as:

National Infrastructure Week

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Thirteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.

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Jim Justice

Governor

By the Governor:

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