

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 540

Approved September 20, 2002

WHEREAS, Water is the element of all life, human wildlife, and vegetation; and

WHEREAS, Water provides fire control, drinking source, industrial power, recreational opportunities and myriad other uses for humans; and

WHEREAS, The quality of water determines the health of humans and wildlife, and the abundance and quality of wildlife, including edible finfish and shellfish, are dependent upon clean water; and

WHEREAS, The Clean Water Act is the primary federal law that protects our nation's waters, including ponds, rivers, and coastal areas, assuring water safe enough for swimming and fishing; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence has enjoyed improved water quality in its rivers and ponds/and bayshores/and coast since the passage of the Clean Water Act, providing opportunities for fishing, boating, and swimming and creating economic benefit through tourism/fishing/waterfront businesses; and

WHEREAS, Wetlands continue to be lost at an alarming rate within Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Sewer overflows continue to adversely affect Narragansett Bay and other bodies of water in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Pollution continues to make miles of rivers and acres of the Bay unsuitable for swimming and fishing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence and its citizens do recognize the accomplishments and value of the Clean Water Act in promoting the economic and environmental health of our City; and

Councilwoman Williams (By Request)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That We the City Council of Providence do promise to uphold the spirit and programs of the Clean Water Act and proclaim October 18, 2002, as day of celebration of improving water quality as Clean Water Day in our schools and town government.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the City of Providence recommits to the goals of the Clean Water Act, to the protection and improvement of the chemical, biological and physical integrity of water.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
SEP 19 2002  
READ AND PASSED  
*Robert A. Young*  
PRES. ACTING  
*Richard S. Clement*  
CLERK

**APPROVED**  
*[Signature]*  
**MAYOR**

*[Signature]*  
SEP. 20 2002  


July 26, 2002

Dear Town Official:

The Clean Water Act was signed 30 years ago on October 18, 1972. This federal Act amended and broadened the Water Pollution Control Act and set the goal of "fishable, swimmable" waters by 1980. Although that goal has not been met 100%, "protecting, maintaining and restoring the chemical, biological and physical integrity of the nation's waters" has come a long way in cleaning up our rivers, ponds, lakes, wetlands and near shore marine waters.

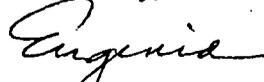
We ask the 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island to proclaim October 18 Clean Water Day. On the thirtieth anniversary of this highly beneficial law that has improved water quality, returned the value of waterfronts in cities and towns, and provided recreational resources to our citizens, we ask city and town councils in Rhode Island to consider the improvements to their waterways and way of life brought by the Clean Water Act, and to create a proclamation. We enclose a model upon which to build your own document.

Please arrange a consideration of this item on your August or September council meeting agenda.

In Rhode Island, Audubon Society, Save the Bay, RI DEM, RI Rivers Council, the Narragansett Bay Commission, and the U. S. EPA staff a committee for the state's celebration. We ask that you provide a copy of your proclamation to CWA 30, c/o Audubon Society of RI, 12 Sanderson Road, Smithfield, RI 02917. Please call me (949-5454) if you have any questions.

Thank you for joining us in the protection of water's vital resources and for celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Clean Water Act.

Cordially,



Eugenia Marks  
Director, Policy & Publications  
Audubon Society of RI

## PROCLAMATION

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\_\_\_\_\_ [propose a project, for example funding for stormwater improvements, riverbank restoration project, wastewater management district, etc.]

(Please contact [emarks@asri.org](mailto:emarks@asri.org) for electronic version)

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK



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City Clerk

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First Deputy

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CITY HALL

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Second Deputy

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES REQUESTED

Date: 9/11

Time: 2:50

Council Person Williams

By Request   
Not By Request

Summary: \_\_\_\_\_

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