2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 147

March 10, 2022 – Introduced by Representatives KRUG and SHANKLAND. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: recognizing Wisconsin Water Week 2022.

Whereas, water is vitally important to all of us in Wisconsin as a requirement of our daily lives; and

Whereas, water is also central to Wisconsin’s success as a center of tourism, agriculture, food production, and industry; and

Whereas, our state’s lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands provide habitat to wildlife and benefit the people of Wisconsin with ample recreation and sporting opportunities, and the health of these waters serves all of us in the state, from flood protection to quality of life; and

Whereas, healthy waters are culturally recognized by Wisconsin Native Nations, including elders, tribal councils, water walkers, and conservation professionals, as a critical foundation for maintaining traditional ways and ceremonies, sustaining hunting and fishing territories, and retaining a bright future for our next generations; and
Whereas, the people of Wisconsin enshrined the right to access, use, and protect the waters of the state in the Public Trust Doctrine of the Wisconsin Constitution, and through a history of legislation and legal decisions that protect and conserve our waters; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership works to support, protect, and improve our lakes, rivers, and streams and educate the public about these efforts, with the goal of making all our lives better and making Wisconsin a better place to live; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership is a creator and supporter of Wisconsin Water Week 2022 and has led a campaign of awareness regarding water issues in the state; and

Whereas, Wisconsin Water Week 2022 is April 4–8, 2022, and includes the 2022 Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention to be held April 6–8, 2022, in Stevens Point, Wisconsin; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin Legislature join in declaring April 4–8, 2022, as Wisconsin Water Week 2022 and join also in recognizing and appreciating the work of the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership and water advocates around the state in keeping our state waters sparkling, shining, and safe.

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