

[Insert City]

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 3 - 11, 2026 AS WATER PROFESSIONALS
APPRECIATION WEEK**

Resolution No. [Insert]

**A RESOLUTION OF THE [INSERT CITY] CITY COUNCIL OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZING
WATER PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3 -11,
2026 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OREGON HOUSE BILL 4005 (2026), TO HONOR LOCAL
PUBLIC DRINKING WATER, WASTEWATER, AND STORMWATER WORKERS WHO
MAINTAIN ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE.**

WHEREAS, the City of [insert] Council recognizes that water is essential to the health, safety, economic vitality and quality of life of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of [insert] Council recognizes that reliable drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services are essential to protecting public health and the environment, supporting housing and economic development, maintaining livable communities and providing critical services to our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of [insert] Council relies on dedicated water professionals who operate, maintain, repair, plan and improve the infrastructure and systems that provide these essential services to our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of [insert] Council recognizes that these professionals work every day, including nights, weekends and holidays, to ensure that safe and reliable water services are available when residents, businesses and community institutions need them; and

WHEREAS, the City of [insert] Council recognizes that water professionals protect public health and Oregon's natural resources through the treatment and testing of drinking water, collection and treatment of wastewater, management of stormwater, protection of water quality, conservation of water resources and responsible stewardship of local infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of [insert] Council recognizes that maintaining these essential services requires a highly skilled workforce of operators, technicians, engineers, utility workers, laboratory professionals, public works employees and others whose work often occurs behind the scenes but is indispensable to the daily life of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of [insert] Council recognizes that Oregon's water sector faces an increasing need to recruit, train and retain the next generation of skilled water professionals, making it important to raise awareness of the rewarding careers available in drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and public works; and

WHEREAS, the City of [insert] Council recognizes that the Oregon Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 4005 in 2026, establishing Water Professionals Appreciation Week each year from the first Saturday in October through the following Sunday to recognize Oregon’s water workforce and encourage greater public understanding of the essential work performed by water professionals; and

WHEREAS, the City of [insert] Council recognizes that Water Professionals Appreciation Week will be observed October 3 through October 11, 2026.

THE CITY OF [INSERT] COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of [insert] hereby recognizes October 3–11, 2026, as Water Professionals Appreciation Week and expresses its appreciation to the drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, public works and other water professionals who serve the City of [insert] and its residents.

SECTION 2. the City of [insert] Council encourages residents during Water Professionals Appreciation Week to learn more about the people, infrastructure and services that make safe and reliable water possible and about career opportunities available in Oregon’s water sector.

SECTION 3. the City of [insert] Council extends its sincere appreciation to the water professionals serving our community for their skill, dedication and commitment to protecting public health, the environment and the long-term resilience of the City of [insert].

SECTION 4. This Resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of [insert] this ____ day of _____, 2026.

SUBMITTED and approved by the [insert] of the City of [insert].

Mayor

Attest:

City Recorder

