



**Wake County Board of Commissioners
Resolution in Recognition
of the Observance of the
2018 Imagine A Day Without Water**

WHEREAS, Wake County has more than one million residents who rely on clean, safe water every day;

WHEREAS, population growth in Wake County is creating infrastructure demands that must be met for the health of the community;

WHEREAS, the recent water crises in Flint, Michigan, and Toledo, Ohio, show what can happen to the health and well-being of a community without access to clean drinking water;

WHEREAS, managing water responsibly is critical to our nation's environmental health and to a high quality of life through economic commerce, power generation and recreation;

WHEREAS, innovation in water conservation and reuse will drive job growth, economic development and establish a 21st century paradigm of water management in the country;

WHEREAS, for every single job created in the water sector, another 3.68 jobs are added in the national economy, and for every \$1 spent on infrastructure improvements, the U.S. generates \$6 in returns;

WHEREAS, different regions face different water challenges, so the solutions to strengthen our drinking water and wastewater systems must be locally driven, but reinvestment in our water must be a national priority;

WHEREAS, the Wake County Water Partnership recognizes that water is essential to quality of life and acknowledges the importance of educating the public about the value of water through the Imagine a Day Without Water campaign;

WHEREAS, Wake County is partnering with the City of Raleigh, State of North Carolina and other Triangle-area municipalities, as well as local advocacy groups, to hold events during the week of October 10, 2018, encouraging the community to learn where their water comes from, and recognize the impact water has on their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wake County Board of Commissioners observes Imagine A Day Without Water on October 10, 2018, and supports efforts made by the Wake County Water Partnership to highlight the critical importance of reliable access to clean water.

Adopted this the 1st day of October 2018.

Jessica N. Holmes, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners