

Proclamation

Whereas: *urban stormwater runoff impacts water quality in the Little Miami Watershed and the region's water sources for the City of Bellbrook; and*

WHEREAS, population growth, residential and commercial development, and the resulting changes to the landscape will only increase stormwater quality and quantity concerns; and

WHEREAS, these impacts cannot be entirely avoided or eliminated but can be minimized; and

WHEREAS, it is currently recognized that control of stormwater quantity and quality is most effectively implemented when people and organizations understand the related causes and consequences of polluted stormwater runoff and flooding, and the actions they can take to control these; and

WHEREAS, the need arises not only from the regulatory requirements of EPA General Construction and Municipal Stormwater rules, but also from the recognition that citizens and local decision makers will benefit from a greater awareness of how the cumulative impacts of decisions at home, work, and through local policies impact our water quality, stream corridors and flooding; and

WHEREAS, the development and implementation of effective outcomes-based stormwater education and outreach programs will meet the related federal stormwater pollution control requirements and those of the communities they serve so that Bellbrook continues to be a great place to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to observe a Day of Prayer in the City of Bellbrook at a time when all citizens may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude.

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Michael Schweller, Mayor of the City of Bellbrook and the Bellbrook City Council do hereby proclaim the week of October 16th through 22nd, 2022 to be*

STORMWATER AWARENESS WEEK

in Bellbrook, Ohio and call upon all citizens to join Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Bellbrook Community in recognizing this week to take action to control stormwater and watershed pollution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Bellbrook to be affixed this 10th day of October, 2022

Michael Schweller, Mayor