



Water Professionals Appreciation Week

2026 Proclamation

WHEREAS, safe drinking water, reliable wastewater treatment, stormwater management, and resilient infrastructure are core requirements essential to the health, safety, economic vitality, and overall quality of life for the Coburg community; and

WHEREAS, dedicated water professionals work around the clock to operate water treatment facilities, maintain essential pipes and pumps, monitor water quality, and quickly respond to emergencies to protect our public health and local natural resources; and

WHEREAS, much of this critical work happens behind the scenes, yet virtually every resident, business, visitor, and industry within the City of Coburg depends on these infrastructure services every single day; and

WHEREAS, Oregon's water sector faces a pressing long-term challenge to recruit, train, and retain the next generation of highly skilled operators, laboratory technicians, and public works professionals; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4005 was enacted into law with broad support from water organizations and the League of Oregon Cities, establishing Water Professionals Appreciation Week to elevate the public profile of these careers and celebrate the contributions of these indispensable public servants;

I, Nancy Bell, the Mayor of the City of Coburg, Oregon, on behalf of the Coburg City Council and our entire community, do hereby recognize and honor the recent observance of October 3–11, 2026, as "WATER PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK" in the City of Coburg. I urge all citizens, businesses, and civic leaders to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude and honoring our dedicated water professionals for their daily contributions to safeguarding our water resources, protecting public health, and moving our community forward.

Proclaimed this 13th day of October, 2026

Nancy Bell, Mayor

Attest: _____
Sammy Egbert, City Recorder