



Where Life is Sweet

WATER PROFESSIONALS' WEEK PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, Oregon has designated the first Saturday in October through the following Sunday as Water Professionals Appreciation Week to recognize those who provide essential water services throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, drinking water serves a vital role in daily life, serving an essential purpose to health, hydration and hygiene needs for the quality of life that our citizens enjoy; and

WHEREAS, water professionals maintain the essential systems that provide safe drinking water, collect and treat wastewater, manage stormwater, maintain critical infrastructure, respond to emergencies, and protect public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, our City's Water Department maintains two major water systems that collectively produce approximately two billion gallons of water each year, providing safe and reliable drinking water to more than 20,000 residents and businesses while also supporting regional agriculture, electricity generation, and other vital infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, our City's Recycled Water Department collects and treats more than 1.3 million gallons of wastewater each day, transforming it into Class A recycled water, while the Street Department manages stormwater and helps protect homes, businesses, groundwater, streams, and rivers from flooding and contamination; and

WHEREAS, Hermiston's 28 Water, Recycled Water, and Street Department employees have collectively dedicated nearly 340 years of service to the community, performing this essential work through extreme temperatures and other challenging conditions while remaining available through on call service to respond to emergencies after hours; often without the public ever having to think twice about the services they provide.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Doug Primmer, Mayor of Hermiston, Oregon do hereby proclaim October 3-11, 2026, as Water Professionals Appreciation Week.

SIGNED this 28th day of September 2026

Doug Primmer, Mayor