

City of Kingsport

Proclamation

Whereas, Imagine a Day Without Water is a National Day of Action on October 15, 2026, that invites people across the country to recognize the essential role of water in our lives and communities; and,

Whereas, the water infrastructure in the City of Kingsport delivers clean drinking water to more than 50,000 residents every day and then safely returns wastewater to the environment; and,

Whereas, water is essential for community health, local economies, public safety, and the environment, and a day without water would bring life to a halt, disrupting public health services, emergency response, local businesses and the foundational functions of society; and,

Whereas, the nation's water infrastructure is aging and in need of investment, and sustainable water and wastewater systems builds stronger communities by supporting economic growth, protecting public health and enhancing environmental resilience; and,

Whereas, the City of Kingsport affirms water is essential to our community's quality of life, economic strength, and health, and supports efforts to raise awareness about the value of water through participation in the "Imagine a Day Without Water" National Day of Action.

Now, Therefore, I, Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor of the City of Kingsport, and on behalf of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Kingsport, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2026, as

Imagine a Day without Water Day

in the City of Kingsport and emphasize the city's commitment to supporting investment in sustainable, equitable and reliable water infrastructure.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Kingsport, Tennessee, to be affixed this the 6th day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six.

Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor