



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**LAKES APPRECIATION MONTH**

**July 2019**

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's landscape is home to more than 2,000 lakes, ponds, and reservoirs that are critical components of our environment, enhancing our quality of life and providing sources of recreation, scenic beauty, and habitat for wildlife; and*

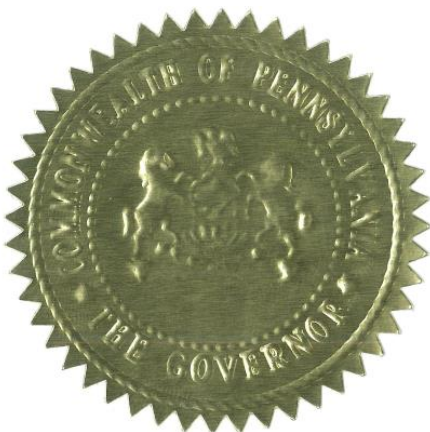
*WHEREAS, these bodies of water are valuable economic resources for Pennsylvania businesses, tourism, and municipal governments, with uses ranging from flood control and water supply to agricultural purposes and aesthetics; and*

*WHEREAS, maintaining the health of our lakes is the responsibility of everyone. Pennsylvania recognizes the need to protect these lakes, ponds, and reservoirs for future generations; and*

*WHEREAS, through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and with the support of the Pennsylvania Lake Management Society, community volunteers have been organized and trained as lake monitors, bringing education, resources, and assistance to lake properties and their owners across the state; and*

*WHEREAS, in conjunction with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the commonwealth commemorates the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Clean Water Act and its importance to the health and quality of Pennsylvania's water resources.*

*THEREFORE, in special recognition of the vital role our lakes, ponds, and reservoirs play in our environment and the well-being of our state, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim July 2019 as LAKES APPRECIATION MONTH. I encourage all citizens and communities to actively participate in the protection and preservation of our lakes.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-ninth day of May two thousand nineteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-third.*

*Tom Wolf*  
**TOM WOLF**  
Governor