



Press Release

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Governor Wolf and the House of Representatives declare July as Lakes Appreciation Month in Pennsylvania!

July has been [proclaimed Lakes Appreciation Month](#) in Pennsylvania by Governor Tom Wolf. In further support, Representative Parke Wentling, introduced a resolution declaring July 2019 as "Lakes Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania. The House of Representatives recognized the month under [House resolution no. 366](#). These declarations acknowledge the importance of our lakes and that Pennsylvania's landscape is home to more than 5000 lakes, ponds, and reservoirs. These lakes and ponds are critical resources to Pennsylvania's environment and quality of life, providing sources of recreation, scenic beauty and habitat for wildlife. Lakes are valuable economic resources for Pennsylvania businesses, tourism and municipal governments, with uses ranging from flood control and other agricultural purposes to water supply. Maintaining the health of our lakes is the responsibility of every citizen. Pennsylvania recognizes the need to protect these lakes and ponds for future generations.

Each year the non-profit organization Pennsylvania Lake Management Society brings attention to Lakes Appreciation Month to encourage lake stewardship and education among the public during the peak lake season. Some of the activities the organization suggests for the month are as simple as visiting your local lake to watch wildlife or eliminating the use of chemical fertilizers on your lawn. Other ideas include organizing a lake cleanup or participating in the Secchi Dip-In. [The Secchi Dip-In](#) is an international citizen science effort that also occurs in July as part of Lakes Appreciation month throughout North America. No matter the activity, recognizing the value of Pennsylvania's lakes is the purpose of this month.

About the Pennsylvania Lake Management Society: The Pennsylvania Lake Management Society's (PALMS) is a 501(c)3 whose mission is to promote the further understanding of ponds, lakes, reservoirs and impoundments and their watersheds; the ecosystem of which they are a part; and their protection, restoration and management. PALMS annually organizes pond and lake management workshops, trains lake monitors through technical assistance programs, and continues to bring educational resources and assistance to lake properties and their owners across the state. For more information on Lake Management in Pennsylvania check out the Pennsylvania Lake Management Society (PALMS) at palakes.org.

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