

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WASTEWATER PROFESSIONALS' DAY

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and well-being of all PWC Customers are of utmost importance to the prosperity and livelihood of our City's families and communities; and

WHEREAS, without reliable twenty-four hours a day, seven-days-a-week, wastewater treatment, the United States would suffer thousands of deaths each year due to waterborne diseases; and

WHEREAS, conscientious regulation and operation of water reclamation facilities and collection systems help prevent contamination and other avoidable incidents that threaten the health and well-being of Fayetteville and Cumberland County's more than 300,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, PWC operates and maintains the Cross Creek and Rockfish Creek Water Reclamation facilities, seventy-eight Sanitary Sewer Lift Stations, over thirteen hundred miles of Sanitary Sewer Mains, and over thirty-two thousand Sanitary Sewer Manholes; and

WHEREAS, PWC recycles byproducts from the water reclamation facilities through PWC's state-monitored Land Application Program on approximately 4,000 acres of Cumberland, Robeson, and Hoke County farmland, including a 750-acre farm owned by PWC.

WHEREAS, Fayetteville produces an average of more than 9 billion gallons of wastewater each year, the proper treatment of which protects the ecological health of Fayetteville's surface waters, such as the Cape Fear River; and

WHEREAS, thousands of pieces of essential equipment are maintained, monitored, repaired, upgraded, and kept in service twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, to protect the environment and meet the needs and expectations of PWC customers; and

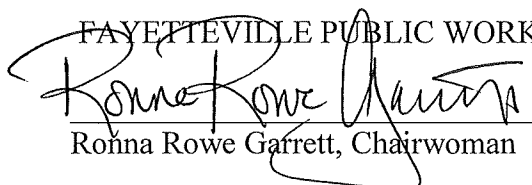
WHEREAS, restoring essential services after a natural or man-made disaster protects the local environment and PWC customers from main breaks, sanitary sewer overflows and flooding; and

WHEREAS, 209 wastewater industry professionals work around the clock at PWC and dedicate their careers to keeping treated wastewater clean and free of substances harmful to both humans and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Fayetteville Public Works Commission designates the second Wednesday of August as Wastewater Professionals Day in Fayetteville, Cumberland County, NC.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fayetteville Public Works Commission, Fayetteville, North Carolina do hereby recognize August 9, 2023, as WASTEWATER PROFESSIONALS DAY in our county of Cumberland, City of Fayetteville, NC. and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

Adopted this 9th day of August, 2023.

FAYETTEVILLE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Ronna Rowe Garrett, Chairwoman

ATTEST:


Evelyn O. Shaw, Secretary