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RESOLUTION NO. 220762

Declaring September 11-17, 2022, as Water and Wastewater Treatment Professionals Week in Kansas City.

WHEREAS, water is essential to life and thus is earth’s most precious resource; and

WHEREAS, Kansas City is located on the Missouri River, the main channel of a watershed covering 525,000 square miles over 10 states and two Canadian provinces, making the community one of the most water-secure cities in the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, the mission of KC Water is to provides excellent water services to ensure health and safety while safeguarding regional water resources for future generations; and

WHEREAS, KC Water employs 64 water treatment professionals who provide 100 million gallons of treated drinking water to a quarter of a million area citizens each day; and

WHEREAS, Kansas City employs 71 wastewater treatment professionals who process and safely return to the environment 94 million gallons of wastewater each day; and

WHEREAS, these treatment professionals are supported by 46 maintenance staff members who repair and maintain sewer mains, force mains, and other wastewater assets; and

WHEREAS, treatment professionals and maintenance crews work around the clock every day of the year, including during the pandemic without a work-from-home option, potentially exposing themselves to illness and often with short crews; and

WHEREAS, by safely treating and delivering water and collecting and treating wastewater and thus safeguarding the health and safety of Kansas Citians, treatment professionals, support crews and staff make an essential, invaluable and enduring contribution to the City and the region; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby declare September 11-17, 2022, as Water and Wastewater Treatment Professionals Week in Kansas City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to the Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment divisions of KC Water with the thanks of the Mayor and Council.
