

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS;** since 1935, the Appleton Wastewater Treatment Plant has stood on the south bank of the Fox River. What began as a single primary treatment facility has grown into an advanced secondary treatment operation spanning 36 acres, reflecting this city's long standing commitment to protecting public health and the environment; and

**WHEREAS;** the dedicated professionals of the Appleton Department of Utilities work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to treat wastewater generated by the homes, businesses, factories, and mills of our community, ensuring that more than 70,000 residents and neighboring communities have access to safe water year-round; and

**WHEREAS;** Appleton's wastewater professionals contribute to the Wisconsin Wastewater Monitoring Program by collecting and submitting samples that enable rapid, cost-effective tracking of public health threats, and work that benefits not only Appleton but the entire region; and

**WHEREAS;** beyond treatment, these professionals responsibly manage approximately 25,000 wet tons of biosolids each year, applying them as fertilizer and soil amendments across nearly 1,000 acres of local farmland, turning what was once a burden on our river into a resource for our agricultural neighbors; and

**WHEREAS;** despite this essential and unceasing work, many Appleton residents remain unaware of the skill, training, and sacrifice required of the operators, laboratory technicians, engineers, and support staff who make it possible to turn on a tap or flush a drain with confidence; and

**WHEREAS;** in 2024, the City of Appleton was recognized by the Wisconsin Section of the American Water Works Association with the honor of Best Tasting Water in Wisconsin, a distinction that reflects the excellence and professionalism of our entire Utilities team.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD,** Mayor of the City of Appleton, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2026, as

## Wastewater Professionals Appreciation Day

in the City of Appleton and Invite all residents to take a moment to recognize and thank the men and women whose expertise and dedication keep our water clean, our river healthy, and our community safe.

Signed and sealed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON

