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May 3-9 Drinking Water Week in Nebraska

A safe, reliable water supply is critical to the success of any community. It creates jobs, attracts industry and investment, and provides for the health and welfare of citizens in ways ranging from disease prevention to fire suppression.

We often take water supply for granted until it is threatened, either by drought, water main breaks, or some other event.

For more than 30 years, the American Water Works Association and its members have celebrated Drinking Water Week – a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to join together to recognize the vital role water plays in our daily lives.



Lt. Governor Rick Sheehy signed a proclamation April 8, declaring May 3-9 Drinking Water Week in Nebraska. Attending the proclamation signing were:

Back row, from left:

Greg Bouc, Village of Valparaiso and Nebraska Rural Water Association

John Olsson, Olsson Associates and Nebraska Section AWWA

Front row, from left:

Joel Christensen, Metropolitan Utilities District

David Houghtelling, City of Cambridge

Steve Kelley, Beatrice West Rural Water Project

Jack Daniel, administrator, Office of Drinking Water and Environmental Health Nebraska

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In addition, the Nebraska Section AWWA Public Information Committee has distributed public service announcements about Drinking Water Week to 69 radio station groups in the State of Nebraska.