PWC Resolution # PWC2023.36

Source Water Protection Week September 24-30, 2023

WHEREAS, the health, prosperity, and quality of life of Fayetteville and Cumberland County citizens and communities depend on a reliable supply of safe, high quality drinking water;

WHEREAS, the Fayetteville Public Works Commission provides water services to over 225,000 citizens in Fayetteville and Cumberland County, including the Town of Hope Mills, Spring Lake, Stedman and Fort Liberty;

WHEREAS, PWC's Watershed Management Program was established in 1990 to protect our source water by reducing pollutants from entering the Little Cross Creek and Big Cross Creek Watersheds;

WHEREAS, PWC's Watershed Management improves the quality of our drinking water, decreases treatment cost at our water plants and improves health of both the general public and aquatic ecosystem;

WHEREAS, PWC's Watershed Management Program plays a vital role in providing safe, high-quality drinking water to our customers and protecting our watersheds from pollution that can make our source water unsuitable for use as a drinking water supply;

WHEREAS, PWC Watersheds staff manages nearly 3,000 acres of forested land buffering our water supply watershed lakes and these natural areas are listed in the North Carolina Registry of Natural Heritage Areas and include highly significant natural features critical to the preservation of North Carolina's natural diversity;

WHEREAS, protecting our watershed, protects our drinking water that is essential to preserving our own health and economy, and that of future generations;

WHEREAS, Fayetteville and Cumberland County citizens are encouraged to recognize this precious resource and help conserve the watersheds that are the source of our drinking water, protect our shared water resources from pollution, practice water conservation, become involved in local water issues, and plan to protect the source water for future community health and economic vitality;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fayetteville Public Works Commission, Fayetteville, North Carolina do hereby recognize, September 24 thru 30, 2023, as SOURCE WATER PROTECTION WEEK in our County of Cumberland, City of Fayetteville, NC. and urge all citizens to join in supporting this observance.

Adopted this 27th day of September, 2023.

FAYETTEVILLE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Ronna Rowe Garrett, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Evelyn O. Shaw, Secretary