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May 6-12 is National Drinking Water Week

RALEIGH –North Carolina water resource officials and other states are celebrating National Drinking Water Week, May 6-12. This is a national observance that highlights the value of water to citizens across the state.

“This is the 38th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act that forms the core of our national efforts to provide quality drinking water and protect the health of our citizens,” said Jessica Godreau, chief of the state Public Water Supply Section of the N.C. Division of Water Resources. “There are approximately 6,400 public water systems, including county and city utilities, schools, churches and rest stops that serve the people who reside in and visit this state. From protecting water supplies that feed public drinking water systems to ensuring that what comes from the tap has been treated for disease-causing organisms, the process of ensuring clean, safe drinking water for all residents is critical to day-to-day living.”

National Drinking Water Week recognizes the importance of water source protection and conservation, as well as the value, importance and fragility of each state’s water resources.

The state Division of Water Resources’ Public Water Supply Section works with drinking water systems, from convenience stores served by their own well to metropolitan areas, to ensure that the water delivered to consumers meets all federal and state standards.

“These efforts are vital to sustaining North Carolina’s environmental and economic future, as well as the health of its citizens,” Godreau added.

During the past year, North Carolina committed \$25 million in drinking water state revolving funds for 17 projects that will help provide safe drinking water in some communities and strengthen water supplies in others.

This week, North Carolina renews its commitment to build on the successes of the past 37 years and to continue to work with all of its partners to fully realize the public health goals of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Local municipalities may also be celebrating this observance. To learn more, contact your local drinking water provider.

For some quick tips on how to protect your drinking water, go to <http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/drinkingwater/sourcewater/protection/whatyoucando.cfm>.

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