



## **Imagine a Day Without Water**

**October 12, 2017**

Recognizing the “Imagine a Day Without Water” campaign being held October 12, 2017 which is an organized effort to highlight the critical importance of reliable access to clean water in our lives and the investment in infrastructure that is necessary to protect this valuable resource.

Whereas, the infrastructure that brings water to and from homes and businesses is essential to the quality of life and economic vitality of the City of Green River; and

Whereas, 12,800 residents on average utilize 83 gallons of water per person, per day; and

Whereas, the Green River community has 4300 customers, 90 miles of water mains, 60 miles of sewer lines, delivers over a million gallons of water per day, treats over a million gallons of wastewater per day; and

Whereas, the crisis in Flint, Michigan show the severe impacts of what can happen to the health and well-being of a community without access to clean drinking water; and

Whereas, changes in weather patterns are causing epic drought and widespread flooding in regions throughout the United States putting pressure on water systems that are ill-equipped and ill-prepared to manage such extreme events; and

Whereas, utilities nationwide are grappling with aging infrastructure and lack reliable revenue and funding to maintain systems let alone upgrade their systems; and

Whereas, one-fifth of the U.S. economy would grind to a halt without a reliable and clean source of water; and

Whereas, managing water responsibly is critical to our nation’s environmental health and to a high quality of life through economic commerce, power generation, and recreation; and

Whereas, investing in our drinking water and wastewater systems will secure a bright and prosperous future for generations to come; and

Whereas, innovation in water conservation and water reuse will drive job growth, economic development, and establish a 21st century paradigm of water management in the United States; and

Whereas, green stormwater infrastructure will not only ease the burden on our sewers but will provide a maximum return in benefits to the public, the economy and the environment; and

Whereas, for every one job created in the water sector, another 3.68 jobs are added in the national economy. And for every \$1 spent on infrastructure improvements, the US generates \$6 in returns; and

Whereas, different regions face different water challenges, so the solutions to strengthen our drinking water and wastewater systems must be locally driven, but reinvestment in our water must be a national priority; now; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY MAYOR PETE RUST, that the City of Green River recognizes that water is essential to the quality of life and economic competitiveness and acknowledges the importance of educating the public about the value of water through the “Imagine a Day Without Water” campaign.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Green River is dedicated to investing in water and wastewater infrastructure and calls on our federal partners to bring much-needed funding and innovation to protect and restore our critical water infrastructure.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2017

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MAYOR PETE RUST