

Proclamation

- Whereas,* National Water Quality Month is dedicated to protecting bodies of clean water such as lakes, rivers, groundwater, aquifers, and streams; and
- Whereas,* National Water Quality Month originally dates back to two United States congressional acts that were passed in the 1970s, in an effort to protect our water sources. Starting with the Clean Water Act of 1972, the federal government began taking steps to curb water pollution by making it illegal to dump high amounts of toxic materials into our bodies of water. This set the standard for making sure that surface water was up to certain standards before being used by human consumption and recreation. The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, established to protect the quality of groundwater and public water systems; and
- Whereas,* clean water is essential to our health, agriculture needs, and our environment; and
- Whereas,* even though water makes up 70% of the Earth's surface, only around 3% of the water supply is freshwater with 1% of which is easily accessible; and
- Whereas,* the major sources of freshwater pollution are from dumping industrial wastes, agricultural runoffs, leakage of untreated sewage, and chemicals from products used at home; and
- Whereas,* the City of Manhattan Beach's tap water comes from two sources: groundwater and surface water. Our water is pumped from groundwater from local, deep wells. Water is also provided from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's surface water from both the Colorado River and the State Water Project in northern California. Conserving these water sources is essential to keeping our community healthy to ensure safe drinking water for generations to come.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, David Lesser, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby proclaim August 2025, as

National Water Quality Month

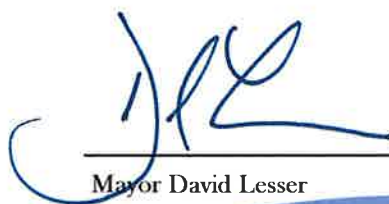
and encourage all citizens to help protect our waters for years to come, we encourage everyone to continue best practices like picking up after a pet, disposing of chemicals and prescriptions correctly, and using the right amount of fertilizer.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2025.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Liza Tamura



Mayor David Lesser

