

**RESOLUTION 20-30  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HELIX WATER DISTRICT  
PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 3-11, 2020,  
AS WATER PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, water is the lifeblood of California and without safe and reliable water, no community and no sector of the economy – from high tech to manufacturing to agriculture – can thrive or expand; and

**WHEREAS**, now more than ever, the water industry is proud of the important role our essential workers play in making sure our communities have safe and reliable drinking water; and

**WHEREAS**, thanks to technological advances by highly skilled and trained water professionals and the dedication of thousands of industry professionals in the state, California drinking water and treated wastewater meets some of the most stringent water quality standards in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, depending on where one lives in California, water may come from a nearby well or river, or it may travel hundreds of miles through canals or pipelines to reach the tap. Regardless of where it originates, drinking water is filtered, cleaned, tested and distributed in a process carefully managed by trained water professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, California is steadily expanding the reuse of treated wastewater and pioneering the use of advanced purified recycled water to replenish aquifers, prevent seawater intrusion and improve local water supply reliability; and

**WHEREAS**, water professionals at local public water and wastewater agencies work 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to plan for the future, maintain and upgrade systems and improve the safety and resiliency of local water supplies for communities; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Public Policy Institute of California, local public water and wastewater agencies invest more than \$25 billion a year on local water-related programs and projects that protect public health and the environment, improve local water supply reliability, replenish and clean up groundwater basins, provide water for fire protection and protect against floods; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of essential water, wastewater and recycled water industry professionals in the state dedicate their careers to keeping drinking water, recycled water and treated wastewater safe and reliable for use by Californians.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Helix Water District Board of Directors proclaim the week of October 3-11, 2020, as Water Professionals Appreciation Week and the board extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the water and wastewater professionals who work 24 hours a day, seven days a week, even during a pandemic, to provide excellent service to the community every day.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Gracyk, Verbeke, Scalzitti, Hedberg, McMillan

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None



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Mark Gracyk, President

**ATTEST:**



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Sandra L. Janzen, Secretary of the Board