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Message:

Please see contents for an invitation to the [SC Clean Drinking Water Day- Lunch with your Legislators] event on Tuesday, May 3, 2016.



The Honorable Nikki Haley
Governor of South Carolina
South Carolina State Capitol Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

The South Carolina Rural Water Association (SCRWA), a non-profit trade association that assists public and private water/wastewater systems throughout the state to ensure the residents of South Carolina have access to clean water, will be celebrating *South Carolina Clean Drinking Water Day* on May 3, 2016 adjacent to the Blatt House Office Building from 10 AM – 2 PM. We invite you to attend.

The purpose of this initiative is to provide an annual opportunity for stakeholders to interact with state legislators by exchanging ideas, discussing challenges and promoting actions relative to our state's water industry. Invitees to this event will include the following; water utility professionals, select government agency staff, non-governmental organization staff, and all legislative members and staff.

EPA's *Drinking Water Week* and *South Carolina Clean Drinking Water Day* provide the public water utilities of South Carolina a great opportunity tell our wonderful and positive story regarding our efforts to provide clean healthy drinking water to our citizens. Recently, we were all reminded that there is much more work to be done to ensure that all citizens have access to clean drinking water. To help promote our story, we will be working with state print and digital media.

This is an excellent opportunity for all parties to publically announce their support for this initiative. Your voice is exactly what we need to establish a clear path towards guaranteeing clean and abundant water for South Carolinians. We hope that you will join our celebration on May 3 at the State House grounds. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. L. Kilgo', written over a white background.

James L. Kilgo
USDA-FSA Source Water Protection Specialist

South Carolina General Assembly
121st Session, 2015-2016

H. 4873

STATUS INFORMATION

Concurrent Resolution

Sponsors: Reps. Ott and Hiott

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Introduced in the Senate on February 11, 2016

Adopted by the General Assembly on March 1, 2016

Summary: Clean Drinking Water Day

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Body</u>	<u>Action Description with journal page number</u>
2/10/2016	House	Introduced, adopted, sent to Senate (<u>House Journal-page 36</u>)
2/11/2016	Senate	Introduced (<u>Senate Journal-page 6</u>)
2/11/2016	Senate	Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources (<u>Senate Journal-page 6</u>)
2/25/2016	Senate	Committee report: Favorable Agriculture and Natural Resources (<u>Senate Journal-page 15</u>)
2/26/2016		Scrivener's error corrected
3/1/2016	Senate	Adopted, returned to House with concurrence (<u>Senate Journal-page 23</u>)

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VERSIONS OF THIS BILL

2/10/2016

2/25/2016

2/26/2016

1 COMMITTEE REPORT
2 February 25, 2016

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9 Read the first time February 11, 2016.

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12 **THE COMMITTEE ON**
13 **AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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To whom was referred a Concurrent Resolution (H. 4873) to
recognize the importance of clean and abundant drinking water in
South Carolina and to designate Tuesday, May 3, 2016, as "South
Carolina Clean Drinking Water Day", etc., respectfully

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REPORT:

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That they have duly and carefully considered the same and
recommend that the same do pass:

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DANIEL B. VERDIN III for Committee.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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11 TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEAN AND
12 ABUNDANT DRINKING WATER IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND
13 TO DESIGNATE TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016, AS "SOUTH
14 CAROLINA CLEAN DRINKING WATER DAY" TO COINCIDE
15 WITH NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK.

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17 Whereas, established in 1976, the South Carolina Rural Water
18 Association, a non-profit trade association, assists public and private
19 water/wastewater systems statewide to ensure access to clean water
20 for all South Carolinians; and

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22 Whereas, simple measures taken to protect source water help ensure
23 an ample supply of clean drinking water and reduce costs passed
24 from water utilities to the customers by reducing the rate charged
25 for water to customers; and

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27 Whereas, the availability of clean drinking water promotes
28 economic development, especially in rural parts of the State. The
29 United States Department of Agriculture and South Carolina Rural
30 Infrastructure Authority (SCRIA) provide grant opportunities for
31 eligible infrastructure projects designed to protect water quality
32 resources which build economic development; and

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34 Whereas, the Municipal Association of South Carolina reports that
35 since 2013 SCRIA has awarded over \$21 million in grants for
36 seventy-three projects, benefitting more than forty-seven thousand
37 customers statewide and leveraging \$98 million in investment; and

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39 Whereas, the Economic Infrastructure Program, one of SCRIA's
40 two grant programs, helps communities increase their capacity to
41 meet new development opportunities and ensure publically owned
42 industrial sites and parks can access necessary infrastructure; and

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2 Whereas, actions compliant with both the federal Safe Drinking
3 Water Act and federal Clean Water Act promote the availability of
4 clean drinking water and effectively protect the propagation of safe
5 fish, shellfish, and wildlife for fishermen and hunters throughout the
6 State; and

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8 Whereas, protecting water resources used to produce clean drinking
9 water also creates a popular venue for recreation, attracting citizens
10 and visitors to the estimated 24,436 miles of freshwater rivers and
11 streams and 393,430 acres of lakes and reservoirs in the State.
12 Protection of clean drinking water resources also promotes
13 ecological health, aquatic-life harvesting, and aesthetic value; and

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15 Whereas, the State offers awards for participation in clean water
16 initiatives, including the annual South Carolina Environmental
17 Awareness Award from the South Carolina Department of Natural
18 Resources for outstanding contributions that protect, conserve, and
19 improve South Carolina's natural resources; and

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21 Whereas, although clean drinking water is vitally important to
22 human health, six percent of community water systems have
23 reported health violations and ten percent of the state's population
24 is served by contaminated water systems according to the EPA; and

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26 Whereas, the presence of pharmaceuticals and personal care
27 products and endocrine disruptors in drinking water is causing
28 emerging concerns and attracting the attention of states across the
29 country, but currently no federal regulations exist to limit
30 pharmaceuticals in drinking or natural water; and

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32 Whereas, a recent study by the American Water Works Association
33 revealed some one hundred pharmaceuticals in national surface
34 waters of rivers, lakes, and coastal waters. The study also states that
35 current scientific research indicates various synthetic chemicals
36 could interfere with the normal functioning of endocrine systems in
37 humans. With the increased use of pharmaceuticals and personal
38 care products, concentrations of these chemicals may reach levels
39 harmful to human health; and

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41 Whereas, advocating for cleaner drinking water standards could
42 introduce measures that would reduce the presence of these

1 chemicals and prevent harm to the drinking water for the citizens of
2 South Carolina. Now, therefore,

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4 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate
5 concurring:

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7 That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this
8 resolution, recognize the importance of clean and abundant drinking
9 water in South Carolina and designate Tuesday, May 3, 2016, as
10 "South Carolina Clean Drinking Water Day" to coincide with
11 National Drinking Water Week.

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