

RESOLUTION No. R-2019-37

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF ADVOCACY,
“IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER”, OCTOBER 23, 2019**

WHEREAS, IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER is an organized effort to educate the public about why water as an essential, invaluable resource, highlighting the critical importance of access to reliable, clean water and the need for water infrastructure investments necessary to maintain and rebuild these vital systems; and,

WHEREAS, the infrastructure that brings 4,087 households an average of 158 gallons of water per day, and then safely returns water to the environment is essential to the quality of life, environment and economic vitality of the City of Ward; and

WHEREAS, a day without water would be a public health and safety crisis due to the impacts which would limit the abilities of safety personnel such as firefighters and hospitals staff to do their jobs, as well as businesses and homes to function; and

WHEREAS, America’s water infrastructure is aging and failing—and there are communities that have never had access to infrastructure in the first place; and

WHEREAS, living without water is an economic crisis, considering a single nationwide day without water service would put \$43.5 billion in economic activity at risk; and

WHEREAS, demographic changes and climate pressures, including natural disasters like droughts, flooding, and wildfires, threaten our infrastructure and increase the possibility of a day without water; and

WHEREAS, our water infrastructure supports every facet of our daily lives, but is facing unprecedented challenges; and

WHEREAS, these challenges look different to different communities and will require local solutions, but it’s clear that reinvestment in our water systems must be a national priority; now;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ward, Arkansas recognizes 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the City Council is dedicated to investing in safe and reliable 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.


Said resolution has been properly introduced and the vote was:

PASSED:

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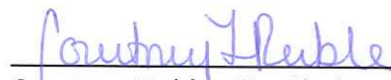
DATE: October 21st, 2019

APPROVED:



Charles Gastineau, Mayor

ATTEST:



Courtney Ruble, City Clerk

