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*Dr. Amanda Vincent presents the Clean Water Week Proclamation at the ACWA meeting in New Orleans*

## **Closing Out Clean Water Appreciation Week 2024**

Baton Rouge, LA, August 23rd—Last week Governor Jeff Landry declared August 19th-23rd [Clean Water Appreciation Week](#).

Louisiana hosted the 63rd annual Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA) meeting in New Orleans on August 21st. ACWA is an independent, nonpartisan, national organization that collaborates with state and interstate water program directors to implement water quality programs associated with the Clean Water Act.

Their goal is to ensure clean and safe drinking water across the nation. Topics covered include addressing nutrient pollution, cyber security and clean water infrastructure, and legal issues affecting the Clean Water Act.

"Louisiana's citizens depend on clean waters to protect public health, and its abundant lakes, rivers, and bayous provide numerous commercial and recreational opportunities and greatly enhance their quality of life," said LDEQ Secretary Aurelia S. Giacometto.

LDEQ Assistant Secretary of Environmental Services Dr. Amanda Vincent currently serves as President of the ACWA and was instrumental in hosting this year's annual meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Through collaborative partnerships with groups like ACWA and the Louisiana Rural Water Association, LDEQ provides clean and safe water to communities across Louisiana, ensuring the sustainability of our fishing industry, tourism industry, and robust agricultural sector, and quality of life for its citizens for years to come.

Please visit for more information about LDEQ providing safe and clean water to the public  
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## **State of Louisiana**

### **Governor's Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA) will gather for its 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting from August 20-23, 2024, in New Orleans, Louisiana, with the assistance of Aurelia S. Giacometto, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) and ACWA's President, Amanda Vincent, Assistant Secretary for the Office of Environmental Services within LDEQ; and

WHEREAS, ACWA is the independent, nonpartisan, national organization of state and interstate water program directors who on a daily basis implement the water quality programs of the Clean Water Act and ensure clean and safe water across our nation; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana and our State's water programs have benefited from ACWA's leadership, and focus on knowledge transfer and the sharing of best practices among the states/interstates; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana and our State's water programs have also benefited from ACWA's collaborative relationships with the United States Congress, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Geological Survey, and the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Louisiana are dependent on clean waters to protect public health; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's abundant lakes, rivers, and bayous provide its citizens with numerous recreational and commercial opportunities and greatly enhance their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, clean water plays a vital role in the economic prosperity of Louisiana by providing a sustainable commercial fishing industry, supporting industry and commerce, yielding a robust tourism industry, and sustaining our agricultural sector;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Landry, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby welcome ACWA to New Orleans and proclaim August 19-23, 2024 as

## **CLEAN WATER APPRECIATION WEEK**

throughout the State and encourage all the citizens of Louisiana to work together to appreciate and to protect clean water as a vital resource for our State.