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GOVERNOR DECLARES APRIL 18-24 'WASTEWATER WORKER RECOGNITION WEEK'

DENVER, April 8 — For the ninth consecutive year, Colorado's governor has proclaimed the week of April 18-24 "Wastewater Worker Recognition Week" in Colorado.

The proclamation, signed by Gov. Bill Ritter Jr., honors the work of about 4,500 certificated wastewater treatment plant operators and thousands of engineers, maintenance workers, laboratory workers, scientists, biosolids workers, sewer systems workers, industrial waste pretreatment workers, administrative staff, and suppliers to the industry.

The governor's proclamation notes that water is a "valuable economic, environmental and recreational resource that should be protected."

It also says, "Colorado's streams, rivers and lakes are getting cleaner because of the job being done by Colorado's wastewater treatment workers."

The Metro Wastewater Reclamation District in Denver asked the governor to make the proclamation honoring the state's wastewater workers.

"I value the contributions made by our workers, and I'm sure every other water utility leader in Colorado does as well," said District Manager Catherine R. Gerali. "With the increased emphasis on water infrastructure and a clean environment, what our people do becomes more important every day."

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