



# A Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, The Office of the County Executive for Prince George's County, Maryland, wishes to recognize the "Imagine a Day Without Water" campaign as an organized effort to highlight the critical importance of water in our lives and the investment in infrastructure that is necessary to protect and restore this valuable resource; and

**WHEREAS**, managing water responsibly is critical to our nation's environmental health and high quality of life through economic commerce, power generation, and recreation. The infrastructure that brings water to and directs it from homes and businesses is essential to the quality of life and economic vitality of Prince George's County; and

**WHEREAS**, global warming has caused epic drought and widespread flooding in regions throughout the United States, putting pressure on water systems that lack capacity to manage such extreme events; and

**WHEREAS**, clean and healthy waterways reduce human health risks, improve quality of life, support aquatic life and wildlife, and promote tourism, while helping to secure a bright and prosperous future for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, Prince George's County has invested more than \$165 million in green infrastructure, which results in nearly \$1 billion in returns for the U.S. economy. Of that investment, approximately \$135 million, or 81%, has gone to small, local, and minority-owned businesses. The County has committed to invest an additional \$174 million over the next four years, which will result in another \$1 billion in returns for the U.S. economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Prince George's County is dedicated to investing in water and wastewater infrastructure and will continue to collaborate with its state and federal partners to bring much-needed funding and innovation to protect and restore our critical water infrastructure.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA ALSOBROOKS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**, do hereby acknowledge the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2020 as a day to recognize the importance of educating the public about the value of water through the "Imagine a Day Without Water" campaign. **FURTHER**, I encourage all citizens and residents to join together to "Imagine a Day Without Water" and to share your imagined story with our community on our Prince George's County Department of the Environment's Facebook page.



*Angela Alsobrooks*

County Executive