

Water Protection Proclamation of Virginia

By the people, of the people, for the people, for the honored waters

We the People of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the commons, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and to our waters do hereby ordain and establish this protection for the waters of Virginia.

We stand to protect our water. We stand to protect our children's water future. We stand to defend the right of every Virginian to protect their water. We stand to oppose the Mountain Valley Pipeline. We stand to oppose the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. We stand as citizens of Virginia in defense of our waters. We stand to dedicate. We stand to consecrate. We stand to protect our headwaters, our watersheds, our rivers, our streams, our wells and our springs.

If you will not protect our water?

We the people will.

If you will not safeguard our water resources?

We the people will.

If you will not stop the pipelines?

We the people will.

It is up to us to be dedicated to the unfinished work of protecting our water. It is up to us to be devoted to the great task remaining before us, that from honored waters we take increased commitment to the cause of the cherished commons and that we here highly resolve that this water shall not flow in vain, that this community shall take action to protect and preserve our sacred water and that all communities deserve this right and carry this responsibility.

We stand to insist that water is a human right. We stand to ensure our voices are heard. We stand to remind you that government is or ought to be instituted for the common benefit, protection and security of the people and community. We stand to remind you that of all the various modes and forms of government that which is best is capable of producing the greatest degree of life, liberty, pursuit of happiness and safety and is most effectually secured against the danger of

maladministration. Therefore it is highly resolved that whenever any government shall be found inadequate or contrary to these purposes a majority of the community hath an indubitable, inalienable and indefeasible right to reform, alter or abolish it in such manner as shall be judged most conducive to the public weal.

Through this action we know that we shall have a new birth of freedom but also shall let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream.

Signed
on _____ of _____ by _____