



City Council

Special Recognition - National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Recognize the City of Olympia's participation in the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation.

Report

Issue:

The recognition and encouragement of resident's participation in the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, April 1-30, 2016.

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Background and Analysis:

City of Olympia Mayor, Cheryl Selby, is joining mayors across the country in asking residents to make a commitment to conserve water by taking part in a national contest aimed at drastically reducing water and energy use across the nation.

Throughout the month of April, WaterWise Olympia residents are encouraged to make their pledge to conserve water at www.mywaterpledge.com <<http://www.mywaterpledge.com>>. Last year, Olympians pledged to reduce their annual consumption of drinking water by nearly 8 million gallons, earning our City a ranking of 9th in the nation.

This non-profit campaign is presented nationally by Toyota and the Wyland Foundation, with support from the Environmental Protection Agency and National League of Cities. The Wyland Foundation is

a 501(c)(3) dedicated to promoting, protecting, and preserving the world's ocean, waterways, and marine life.

The city with the highest percentage of residents who take the challenge in their population category wins. Participants in the winning cities are eligible to win hundreds of prizes, including a Toyota hybrid, water-saving home products, home improvement gift cards and more.

City of Olympia residents have done an excellent job in using our precious drinking water efficiently. In fact, citizen's efforts resulted in exceeding our 2009-2014 Water System Plan goal of reducing consumption by 5% per connection; reducing use by 8.7%. Olympia residents have demonstrated their commitment to water conservation and will enjoy competing with their peer cities.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

N/A

Options:

N/A

Financial Impact:

None

Attachment(s):

Website

Proclamation