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Proclaiming May 2018 Water Awareness Month

Ongoing population growth and climate change throughout the region continue to necessitate collaborative and wise management of our limited water resources. The Los Angeles region would greatly benefit from increased public awareness both in terms of water conservation and alternative water supply options. Reliable and sustainable access to clean water and the investment in infrastructure necessary to protect this valuable resource are of critical importance.

The average Californian uses 196 gallons of water per day. As residents of Los Angeles County, we can have a huge impact through good stewardship of our water, including developing good water-saving habits around the house. Tips for conserving water include installing a high efficiency toilet (saves 19 gallons per day), fixing leaks (saves up to 110 gallons per month), utilizing full loads in the dishwasher (saves 5 – 15 gallons per load), and utilizing full loads of laundry in the clothes washer (saves 15 – 45 gallons per load).

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You can also work with and learn from your local water companies for additional ways to conserve water. For example, you may be able to report water waste directly to your local company. You can also go to their website for information and assistance regarding water-saving rebates.

Regarding water supply, Los Angeles County has already established itself as a leader in the pursuit of sustainability and resilience. While the management of water resources within Los Angeles County involves numerous challenges and more than 200 agencies with varying focuses and governance, integrated planning efforts are ongoing throughout the region to both improve or expand existing systems as well as implement new systems and programs.

It's important to acknowledge the numerous efforts under way to become more locally sustainable through projects promoting stormwater capture or recycled water uses which are often also providing multiple other benefits as well. In fact, Integrated Regional Water Management efforts in Greater Los Angeles County have recently brought \$130 million in grant funding for 71 projects that invest in local water supplies.

It's an exciting time to talk about water considering Los Angeles County initiatives such as H2O4LA and the development of a County Water Resilience Plan that will articulate a broad regional water vision.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim May 2018 as Water Awareness Month in Los Angeles County.

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