



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

BRANDON JOHNSON
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Chicago's water resources, including Lake Michigan and the Chicago River system, are essential to the environmental sustainability, economic vitality, and quality of life of the City of Chicago and the broader Great Lakes region; and

WHEREAS, residents, utilities, businesses, universities, entrepreneurs, and civic leaders across Chicago share a collective responsibility to protect and steward these critical freshwater resources; and

WHEREAS, Chicago is a global center for water research, innovation, and technology development, supported by leading institutions, public utilities, and a growing network of water-focused organizations and startups; and

WHEREAS, Current, Chicago's water innovation hub, convenes utilities, researchers, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and industry leaders to advance collaboration and address complex water challenges; and

WHEREAS, through partnerships, pilot projects, research initiatives, and public engagement, Current supports the development and adoption of innovative water solutions across the region; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Water Week was established to bring together leaders across sectors to showcase innovation, share knowledge, and inspire action on pressing water challenges affecting Chicago and communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, the 6th Annual Chicago Water Week will take place May 3 through May 9, 2026, featuring events and convenings that highlight Chicago's leadership in water innovation and expertise;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRANDON JOHNSON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2026, to be CHICAGO WATER WEEK IN CHICAGO and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of protecting our water resources and supporting innovative solutions for water sustainability.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2026.

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Mayor