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Merrimack Village District commends water professionals during Drinking Water Week

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MERRIMACK, NH – Merrimack Village District (MVD) commends the hardworking men and women ensuring tap water is "There When You Need It" during <u>Drinking Water Week</u> which will be held May 3-9 this year.

MVD and the American Water Works Association (AWWA) will observe Drinking Water Week by recognizing the vital role tap water plays in daily life, the infrastructure that is required to carry it to homes and businesses, and the important work of water professionals "behind the scenes".

Reliable water service used for hygiene, hydration and cooking is critical to our health and safety, especially during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

"During these difficult times, we reflect on the heroic work of health professionals and first responders who place themselves in harm's way to keep us all healthy and safe," said AWWA President Jim Williams. "I've referred to the water profession as a "vocation of distinction" before. In these difficult times, it is also a vocation of heroism."

This year for Drinking Water Week, MVD would like to acknowledge and thank our staff, who not only work hard on a day to day basis, but have been working throughout this pandemic to ensure the water system remains operational so water is "There When You Need It".

About Drinking Water Week

For more than 40 years, AWWA and its members have celebrated Drinking Water Week, a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to join together in recognizing the vital role water plays in daily lives. Free materials for download and additional information are available on the AWWA <u>Drinking Water Week</u> webpage.

MVD is a proud member of the <u>New England Water Works Association</u> (A Section of the American Water Works Association) as well as the <u>New Hampshire Water Works Association</u> (NHWWA).