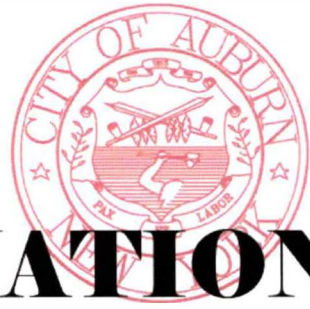




City of Auburn
PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, the City of Auburn provides clean, safe drinking water for nearly 45,000 residents located in the City of Auburn and Cayuga County; and

WHEREAS, the source of the Town of Owasco and City of Auburn's drinking water supply is Owasco Lake, a Class AA(T) designated and protected water body; and

WHEREAS, in recent years Owasco Lake has experienced widespread harmful algae blooms due to nutrients that promote and support the growth of algae and Cyanobacteria; and

WHEREAS, harmful algae blooms threaten lake water quality and the health and safety of water consumers; and

WHEREAS, the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council is advancing pollutant reduction strategies by promoting land and water conservation practices within the Owasco Lake watershed; and

WHEREAS, the foundation of the Lake Friendly Living awareness initiative is a pledge program that has secured commitments from Owasco Lake watershed municipalities, businesses, and residents towards improved conservation and the advancement of best management practices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn commends the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council's advancement of the Lake Friendly Living pledge program and messaging that align with Finger Lakes regional messaging; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn owns ~450 acres of land in the Owasco Flats within the greater Owasco Lake Watershed, acquired with the expressed purpose of preservation of those lands for resources protection and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, according to Resolution #102 of 2020, the City of Auburn took the Lake Friendly Living pledge in solidarity with Owasco Lake watershed municipalities, residents, and businesses, thereby demonstrating the City's commitment to lake and watershed stewardship; and

WHEREAS, a commemorative NYS legislative resolution to recognize Lake Friendly Living awareness in the Finger Lakes Region during the month of May was spearheaded by the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council and was adopted by the NYS legislature on March 15, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Michael D. Quill, Mayor of the City of Auburn on behalf of the City Council and citizens of Auburn hereby designate the month of May 2022 as

Lake Friendly Living Awareness Month

in the City of Auburn and we strongly encourage our citizens to adhere to the Lake Friendly Living pledge throughout our city and the entire Owasco Lake Watershed; and we thank the Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council for their leadership on this matter.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this twelfth day of May 2022.



Michael D. Quill, Mayor
City of Auburn, New York