



Joint Proclamation

No. 2022-04

Protecting Water

WHEREAS, Bayfield County and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Gaa-Miskwaabikaang, are surrounded by abundant clean water; *and,*

WHEREAS, clean water is essential to life, health, and the wellbeing of families, ecosystems across our communities, and lands; *and,*

WHEREAS, clean water is the foundation of a vibrant community, economy and high quality of life; *and,*

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Wisconsin holds all navigable waters in public trust for use by all; *and,*

WHEREAS, the Red Cliff Tribe is a fishing tribe with treaty rights in Lake Superior; *and,*

WHEREAS, Red Cliff and Bayfield County both retain the authority to exercise water stewardship responsibilities; *and,*

WHEREAS, wetland ecosystems are places where medicines grow and are harvested, a place where Ojibwe go to exercise their treaty rights; *and,*

WHEREAS, Red Cliff and Bayfield County are protectors of water, treaty rights, and natural resources; *and,*

WHEREAS, Bayfield County and Red Cliff Tribe are in unison in addressing threats to surface and groundwaters that impact the health, wellbeing, and future of our communities; *and,*

