

## State of Vermont OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Dear Commissioners:

Congratulations on celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the NEIWPCC.

The NEIWPCC has been integral to helping Northeastern states preserve and advance water quality throughout our region. Vermont has participated in the Commission since 1951, and I appreciate the collaboration the NEIWPCC promotes between states. Your commitment to this work is valuable and I know it's not easy as our environment changes and we work to adapt policy accordingly.

Water quality is a priority for my Administration as we work to ensure clean drinking water for Vermonters and preserve and protect our lakes, rivers and streams. So, I'd also like to acknowledge the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1972 federal Clean Water Act and the importance of this environmental legislation, which serves as the foundation for how the United States restores and protects its water resources.

Again, congratulations on this momentous milestone and I look forward to the regional collaboration promoted by NEIWPCC for many years to come.

Sincerely.

Philip B. Scott Governor

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