WHEREAS, water is a basic and essential need to the health and well-being of every living creature; and

WHEREAS, groundwater is a precious resource for drinking, bathing, irrigation, livestock, and manufacturing, and

WHEREAS, groundwater aquifers provide base flow and recharge for surface water streams, rivers, and lakes; and

WHEREAS, the National Groundwater Association launched National Groundwater Awareness Week in 1999 to raise awareness of the importance of protecting this natural resource on which we rely; and

WHEREAS, while groundwater is replenished slowly by rain and melting snow in Washington State, sources of clean and abundant groundwater are threatened by pollution and other factors; and

WHEREAS, approximately 75% of Sammamish Plateau Water’s daily drinking water is drawn from groundwater supplies; which is why we must take action to protect the quality of our groundwater for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Sammamish Plateau Water works to increase awareness of the importance of groundwater to our everyday lives and is committed to protecting, managing, and conserving this natural resource responsibly; and

WHEREAS, National Groundwater Awareness Week provides an opportunity to educate residents on the topic of groundwater and the simple steps customers can take to protect groundwater from contamination and practices water conservation in their homes and businesses; now, therefore,

BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Commissioners of Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District, proclaim the week of March 6 – 12, 2022, as Groundwater Awareness Week in our District and to encourage our customers to recognize the important role groundwater plays in their lives and to protect this natural resource.

Signed this 7th day of March, 2022.

Ryika Hooshangi, President and Commissioner

Tom Harman, Commissioner

Nav Otal, Commissioner

Lloyd Warren, Vice President and Commissioner

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Mary Shustov, Secretary and Commissioner