In recognition of

Stormwater Awareness Week

October 20-26, 2019

Whereas, On behalf of the citizens of the City of Cleveland, I proclaim October 20-26, 2019, as Stormwater Awareness Week; and,

Whereas, Lake Erie and its tributaries are important natural resources to Cleveland residents and other Northeast Ohio Communities; and

Whereas, Stormwater runoff is discharged into Lake Erie and its tributaries without filtering or treatment, which can affect water quality and water recreation; and

Whereas, These impacts cannot be entirely avoided or eliminated, but can be minimized through public education and outreach, which can help change behavior and practices; and

Whereas, It is recognized that stormwater control is most effective when individuals and organizations understand the consequences of polluted stormwater and flooding, and that their actions can reduce the affects; and

Whereas, The need for stormwater runoff awareness arises not only from the regulatory requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency and its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permit, but also from the recognition that citizens, business owners and decision makers will benefit from a greater awareness of how the cumulative impacts of everyone’s efforts can positively impact our local waterways.

Therefore, I, Frank G. Jackson, the 56th Mayor of the City of Cleveland, do hereby present this Proclamation designating October 20-26, as Stormwater Awareness Week, a beneficial observation that contributes to Cleveland being a green city on a blue lake.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Cleveland to be affixed on this 20th day of October in the year 2019.

Mayor Frank G. Jackson