



# Missouri Section

American Water Works Association

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During this time of worldwide crisis, the Missouri Section of AWWA recognizes the hardship and sacrifices of its members. The frontline heroes protecting Missouri citizens include not only healthcare workers and first responders, but also every water professional that is working tirelessly to provide a sanitary water supply. Without this pillar of public health, our citizens could not wash their hands, flush their toilets, take a shower, etc. Given the essential nature of water service during a worldwide health crisis, I'm proud to represent the dedicated members of the Missouri Section of AWWA.

We haven't been able to gather in person yet this year, but the distance between us is temporary. We know that brighter days are ahead. Until we meet at the August conference, I want to share with you a quote from the AWWA President, Jim Williams who said "The water profession is a vocation of distinction." The bottom line is that your work is saving lives during this pandemic, and that is a mark of distinction of which you all be proud.

Respectfully yours,

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Chair of Missouri Section