

Conservation

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The United States of America feature vibrant aquatic natural resources
- WHEREAS: The waters of the United States of America support over 60 million recreational anglers and boaters generating 300 billion dollars toward our economy; and
- WHEREAS: Boaters and Anglers of the United States of America celebrate the time-honored, family traditions of fishing and boating; and
- WHEREAS: Invasive species pose a serious threat to access, biodiversity and health of our Nation's lakes, streams, rivers, estuaries, oceans, and outdoor economy
- WHEREAS: The Clean Drain Dry Initiative and public awareness campaign led by Wildlife Forever, a non-profit conservation organization, coordinates national public outreach and education to stop the spread of invasive species; and
- WHEREAS: The Clean Drain Dry Initiative coalition of partners urges everyone to: **CLEAN** all watercraft and related equipment; remove any visible plants, animals, and sediment; **DRAIN** all water from watercraft and related equipment after exiting the water; and **DRY** everything thoroughly before entering different waters; and
- WHEREAS: Partners in conservation who are working collaboratively to halt the invasive species include the fishing and boating industry, lake associations, nongovernmental organizations, tribal corporations, federal and state agencies, county agencies, tourism bureaus and businesses; and
- WHEREAS: The best management practices to protect Americas' fishing, hunting and outdoor heritage is Clean. Drain. Dry.

Join us in Celebrating Saturday, May 15, 2021, as National:

CLEAN. DRAIN. DRY. DAY

SIGNATORIES:

National: American Sportfishing Association, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, Boat US Foundation, CD3, Major League Fishing, Marine Max, Marine Retailers Association of the Americas, National Marine Manufacturers Association, National Professional Anglers Association, North American Invasive Species Management Association, Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, Rep Your Water, Wildlife Forever, Wired2Fish, Yamaha Rightwaters

State/Local: North Dakota Game and Fish, Ohio DNR Division of Wildlife, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates, Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Association, Beltrami County, Benton County, Crow Wing County, Murray County, Nicollet County, North St. Louis SWCD, Red Lake County SWCD, Sibley SWCD, Wright SWCD, The Maine B.A.S.S. Nation, The Michigan B.A.S.S Nation, Upper Sugar River Watershed Association, Voyageurs Conservancy.