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**Proclamation Recognizing June 2nd as Mississippi River Day**

The Mississippi River is more than just a waterway—it's a lifeline for millions of people, a haven for wildlife, and a source of inspiration, recreation, and connection. Spanning 2,350 miles and uniting ten mainstem states and 32 tributary states within its vast watershed, from the wild rice beds in Minnesota to the oyster reefs in Louisiana, the River nourishes communities, supports livelihoods, and brings people together. Today, we honor its importance and commit to protecting its future.

**WHEREAS**, for thousands of years, the Mississippi River has been deeply woven into the lives of Indigenous peoples, sustaining communities and holding profound cultural significance; and

**WHEREAS**, the River provides drinking water for over 20 million Americans, fuels local economies through commerce, agriculture, tourism, and recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, the River is the heart of a migratory flyway for 60% of North America's bird species, and home to hundreds of fish, amphibians, reptiles, and mammal species, making it one of the world's most important ecological corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, pollution, habitat destruction, and a changing climate threaten the health of the River and the communities that depend on it, requiring collaboration across states, agencies, individuals, communities, and organizations to restore and protect this natural treasure; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, **[Name]**, **[Title]**, do hereby proclaim June 2nd as **Mississippi River Day**, encouraging all to celebrate, protect, and restore this incredible River by participating in events, and taking action for a cleaner, healthier future.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of **[City/State/Office]** to be affixed this **[Date]**.

**[Signature]**

**[Title]**