

# Governor's Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, on August 7, 1969, the Wyoming Open Cut Land Reclamation Act came into effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the rules and regulations promulgated under this law were to provide for the permitting and reclamation of mineral lands in Wyoming; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 1973, the law was expanded to create the Environmental Quality Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Quality Act's purpose was to enable the state to prevent, reduce, and eliminate pollution; to preserve and enhance the air, water and reclaim the land of Wyoming; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Quality Act established a separate department called the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality was formed to carry out the rules and regulations within the Environmental Quality Act; and

**WHEREAS**, for 50 years the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality has fulfilled the vision and intent of its founding leaders; and

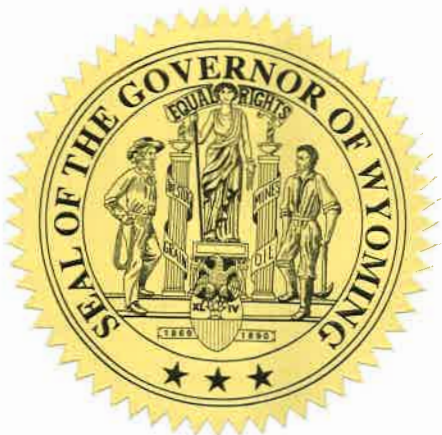
**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality has carried out its mission since 1973 to protect, conserve, and enhance the quality of Wyoming's environment for the benefit of current and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, on this day, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality commemorates 50 years of service and dedication to the state of Wyoming.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK GORDON**, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby recognize July 1, 2023 as the

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Gordon".

The Honorable Mark Gordon  
33<sup>rd</sup> Governor of the Great State of Wyoming