

# Resolution Reconfirming NGWA's Position on Private Wells

### **Subjects**

Water well use, groundwater use, groundwater

#### Audience

Homeowners, government officials, building contractors

#### Resolution

The Board of Directors of the National Ground Water Association supports the following statements consistent with the long-held positions of the Association: American citizens should have:

- The right to use the best source of potable water available
- The right to install a properly constructed water well on private property
- The right to use a properly tested and constructed private water well as a source of potable water.

Furthermore, the National Ground Water Association supports laws and regulations that:

- Govern the proper construction of private water wells
- Require the licensing and/or certification of water well drillers
- Require the continuing education of water well drillers
- Require the systematic inspection of new well construction
- Require the strong, consistent enforcement of the above laws and regulations.



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And furthermore, the National Ground Water Association believes that laws and regulations which require mandatory hook-up to public water systems should be eliminated on the basis that they violate the private property rights assured by the U.S. Constitution.

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