

THIS CERTIFICATE RECOGNISES THAT THE

University of Bern

HAS ACHIEVED THE DESIGNATION OF A

Blue University

ON THIS DAY,

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A "Blue Community" is a community that recognises its responsibility to promote the right to water ("The human right to water and sanitation", Resolution A/RES/64/292 of the United Nations). Because water is central to human activity, it must be governed by principles that allow for reasonable use, equitable distribution, and responsible treatment in order to preserve water for nature and for future generations.

The University of Bern, Switzerland, has achieved the designation of a "Blue University" by:

1. Recognising the right to water as a human right.
2. Promoting the use of tap water from public infrastructure by ensuring that university facilities and services offer water from public taps wherever possible.
3. Managing water responsibly.
4. Promoting publicly financed, owned, and operated water and wastewater services.
5. Cultivating public-public partnerships with international partners and advocating the right to water at the international level.
6. Doing research on sustainable governance and management of water.
7. Following the state of the art in education with regard to water use and management.

The Council of Canadians congratulates the University of Bern on this important achievement.



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