**Drinking Water Research Foundation**

The U.S. based Drinking Water Research Foundation (DWRF) is an independent not-for-profit 501(C)3 foundation that was founded in 1984 to sponsor peer-reviewed scientific research that addresses the production of safe and affordable drinking water, including bottled water.

DWRF activity includes:

* Conducting research and disseminating information regarding production of safe and affordable drinking water, including bottled water.
* Evaluating alternative techniques for production and delivery of drinking water under emergency conditions.
* Providing education for the public regarding drinking water quality, production, and delivery.

DWRF remains dedicated to the publication and dissemination of scientific research of interest to consumers and the drinking water industry, including bottled water. This mission includes promoting and supporting research that identifies, verifies, and often solves current and potential problems that confront our world’s drinking water supplies. Additionally, DWRF endorses research that further confirms the health benefits of water consumption. The growth and development of the drinking water industry are important, and this research aids its growth.

Some of DWRF accomplishments and activities include:

* Co-sponsor of the 2009 Yale University “Your Drinking Water: Challenges and Solutions for the 21st Century” Symposium
* Production of the 2011 “Bottled Water and Tap Water: Just the Facts” and 2013 “Microbial Health Risks of Regulated Drinking Waters in the United States” papers
* Staying abreast of media and scientific reports as they relate to drinking water quality
* Partial funder of a 2016 study “Modeling the Effect of Replacing Sugar-sweetened Beverage Consumption with Water....” published in the Journal, *Nutrients,* andcompleted by Drs. Kiyah Duffey and Jennifer Poti.
* Lecture from Dr. Marc Edwards of Virginia Tech in November 2016 on the Flint, Michigan tap water crisis.
* Funded 2018 study by DWRF Trustee Dr. Larry Armstrong “Water Intake, Water Balance, and the Elusive Daily Water Requirement” for publication in the peer-reviewed scientific journal, Nutrients.
* Current ongoing research study on “Machine Learning in Modeling the Elusive Daily Water

Requirement” to evaluate plasma copeptin threshold as a primary indicator of hydration status.

* Current ongoing research on the “Efficacy of Residual Ozone on Surrogate Microorganisms for Waterborne Pathogens in Bottled Water”

Your support and charitable contribution will help further the important research and activities conducted by DWRF. For more details, please visit www.thefactsaboutwater.org. We look forward to continued success in the years to come.

*DWRF is governed by a board of trustees that is composed of scientists from academia and government as well as distinguished business leaders. The trustees devote their expertise and vast knowledge in business and scientific disciplines relevant to the bottled water industry to ensure that research funded by DWRF will provide cutting-edge results and remain germane to the bottled water industry.*