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American Water's Industry-Leading Diversity Efforts Honored by Women's Forum of New York

With 60 percent female board representation, American Water was recognized for its strides towards gender parity in the boardroom

VOORHEES, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [American Water](#) (NYSE: AWK), the largest publicly-traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company, announced today that it was recognized by the Women's Forum of New York for having more than 60 percent of its board seats held by women. Susan Story, president and CEO, of American Water accepted the award on behalf of the company at the 2017 Breakfast of Corporate Champions held on Nov. 14, 2017 in New York City.

"We are pleased to once again be recognized by the Women's Forum of New York for our commitment to diversity and inclusion," said Story. "American Water has always believed that our board, management and employees should reflect the customers we serve. Further, we have a true commitment to the respect and dignity for each other as part of the values we live as a company."

The event brought together an audience of more than 600, including CEOs and Board Directors along with business leaders, government officials, thought leaders and influential media in special recognition of forward-thinking companies.

"We congratulate American Water and their work towards achieving a greater gender balance in their boardroom," said Janice Reals Ellig, CEO, The Ellig Group and Chair of the event. "American Water knows that more women on boards is smart business and their continued success is an inspiration to others."

To learn more about the Women's Forum of New York and the Women's Forum CEO-Sponsored Database, please visit <https://www.womensforumny.org>.

About Women's Forum of New York

The Women's Forum of New York is the city's premier organization of women leaders. The invitation-only membership of more than 500 women, representing the highest levels of achievement across all professional sectors from finance to fine arts, is dedicated to the advancement of women's leadership through programs which enrich members lives personally and professionally, through The Education Fund which enables talented women whose potential has been disrupted by extreme adversity to resume their education, and through the Corporate Board Initiative, which extends and expands the contribution of women leaders through corporate board participation. Founded in 1974, the Women's Forum of New York is the flagship of the International Women's Forum, a global organization of over 6500 outstanding women leaders in over 74 Forums around the world.

About American Water

With a history dating back to 1886, American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly-traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,800 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in 47 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found by visiting www.amwater.com.

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