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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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### **“SAVE ULU MUDA” THEME FOR WORLD WATER DAY 2018 EVENT IN PENANG ON 23/6/2018.**

PENANG, Tuesday (19/6/2018): A total of 163,103 hectares of rainforests in Kedah must be gazetted and conserved as a “Northern Region Water Catchment Area” to sustain water supply sufficiency in Perlis, Kedah and Penang.

About 4.09 million people in our 3 northern states are dependent on Ulu Muda as a regional water catchment. However, it has been reported that previous Kedah State Government had licensed logging in Ulu Muda to earn “forest premiums”.

Logging causes deforestation and land erosion; and will ultimately compromise Ulu Muda as a water catchment area.

As such, Penang has adopted “Save Ulu Muda” as the theme for the commemoration of World Water Day 2018 in Penang. The objective is to call for a complete ban of all logging in Ulu Muda.

Penang Chief Minister YAB Tuan Chow Kon Yeow will officiate the World Water Day 2018 event at the following time, date and venue:

- Time : 9.30am
- Day/Date : Saturday, 23/6/2018
- Venue : Taman Bandaraya (Youth Park)

The public are invited to attend the event that will feature a children's painting contest, fun games, “Save Ulu Muda” activities and speech by YAB Tuan Chow.

In conjunction with World Water Day 2018, the Waterfall Treatment Plant in the Penang Botanic Gardens will also be open to the public from 9.00am to 4.30pm on 23/6/2018.

Thank You.

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