

PROCLAMATION

HONORING WILLIAM KEITH MCCULLY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM INDIAN RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, William Keith McCully retires from Indian River County, Department of Public Works, effective September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Keith began his career as the Stormwater Engineer with Indian River County, Department of Public Works on October 23, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Keith's unique visions for water treatment as the Stormwater Engineer for the County allowed for the creation of innovative and state renowned facilities within Indian River County. Keith designed the Main Relief Canal Pollution Control System (PC Main) in 2008 which has received awards and acknowledgments for the filtering out nutrients, sediments and debris from stormwater run-off destined for the Indian River Lagoon. Keith's design in 2010 of the Egret Marsh Stormwater Park represented a first of its kind Algal Turf Scrubber (ATS®) system for stormwater treatment utilizing algae to remove excess nutrients and improve the water quality of stormwater prior to its' discharge downstream into the Indian River Lagoon. The Egret Marsh became nationally renowned as a beautiful collaboration between conservation and engineering and has been featured in multiple stormwater and engineering publications. After the demonstrated success of Egret Marsh, Keith designed the Osprey Marsh Wetland Treatment System in 2015 with this system utilizing an ATS® to treat both stormwater from the South Relief Canal and also the demineralization concentrate by-product from the Utility Department's South County Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant. Keith's Osprey Acres design on the site adjacent to the Osprey Marsh, not only further treats stormwater, but also creates an 83 acre Public Stormwater Park complete with walking trails and information kiosks that maintains the native Florida ecosystems and allows for reduction of nutrients from stormwater through both active and passive methods. Prior to his retirement, Keith has designed a fifth stormwater filtration facility currently slated to begin construction in the fall of 2021. The Moorhen Marsh Stormwater Park upon completion in 2022 will treat up to 10 million gallons per day of stormwater from the North Relief Canal and through Keith's designs and projects, tens of thousands of pounds of nutrients are removed annually from the waters flowing to the Lagoon; and

WHEREAS, William Keith McCully has served this County and the Public with distinction and selflessness. During his twenty-one years of service, he was dedicated, and his work was greatly appreciated by the Board, citizens, and co-workers alike; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board applauds William Keith McCully's efforts on behalf of the County, and the Board wishes to express their appreciation for the dedicated service he has given to Indian River County for the last twenty-one years; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners and staff extend heartfelt wishes for success in his future endeavors!

Adopted this 14th day of September, 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Joseph E. Flescher, Chairman