

Proclamation

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2025, AS *Florida Water Professionals Month*

Whereas, the Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association, organized in 1941, is a non-profit trade organization that promotes the sustainability of Florida's water utility industry through workforce development, to protect the health of Florida's citizens and to preserve the state's water resources; and

Whereas, this organization offers water and wastewater treatment plant operator and water distribution operator training courses required for the State of Florida's operator licenses, eight voluntary certification programs, and continuing education programs for operator license renewal; and

Whereas, this organization, in recognizing the importance of the Florida Statutes and Administrative Code that regulate the water industry, acts as liaison between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and industry personnel; and

Whereas, the Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association and the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners recognize all those who have played a significant part in operating and maintaining drinking water, wastewater, and reclaimed water systems in Florida by celebrating Florida Water Professionals Month, which applauds their constant efforts to protect our health and environment; and

Whereas, water and wastewater operators, distribution and collection systems staff play an integral role in safeguarding the public's health and protecting the environment, and

Whereas, water professionals are first responders during hurricanes and other catastrophic events, working to ensure safe drinking water and safe disposal of wastewater for our communities.

Now, therefore be it proclaimed by The Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that the Board designates August as **Florida Water Professionals Month**, and in Indian River County and extend greetings and best wishes to all observing Florida Water Professionals Month.

Adopted this 19th day of August 2025.

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