



Proclamation

WHEREAS, safe, clean, and sustainable water resources are essential to Florida's environment, economy, citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, although Florida's water supplies are finite, the state's population and need for water resources continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, water reuse provides a means for conserving and augmenting Florida's precious water resources; and

WHEREAS, Florida has established the encouragement and promotion of water reuse as state objectives in Chapters 373 and 403, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, Florida's permitted reuse capacity is more than 1.6 billion gallons per day (approximately 69 percent of Florida's total permitted capacity for all domestic wastewater treatment facilities); and

WHEREAS, Florida has risen to be a national leader in water reuse, reusing 760 million gallons of reclaimed water per day to conserve freshwater supplies and recharge our freshwater resources; and

WHEREAS, May, typically a dry month when water demands are high, is a good time to educate citizens about how they can help save Florida's precious water resources through water reuse; and

WHEREAS, WateReuse Florida is a state section of the WateReuse Association, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to advance the beneficial and efficient use of high-quality, locally produced, sustainable water sources for the betterment of society and the environment through advocacy, education and outreach, research, and membership; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by WateReuse Florida that the week of May 13-19, 2018 as

Florida Water Reuse Week

and calls upon local governments, utilities, citizens and businesses to help protect our precious resource by practicing water conservation and to use reclaimed water in an efficient and effective means.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "A. Randolph Brown", is written over a horizontal line.

A. Randolph Brown, President
WateReuse Florida
March 5, 2018

"Water is worth it, Florida!"

"Sustainable solutions for a thirsty Florida!"