



Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association

A Non-Profit Association Serving Water and Wastewater Professionals in the State of Florida

Florida Water Professionals Month

WHEREAS, the Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association, organized in 1940, 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 recognizes all who have played a significant part in operating and maintaining drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems in Florida by celebrating *Florida Water Professionals Month*, which applauds their constant efforts to protect our health and environment.

WHEREAS water professionals are essential first responders, as defined by Florida Statute 403.865 (b), during storms and other catastrophic events, working to ensure safe drinking water and safe disposal of wastewater for our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, *Ruthi Critton* by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Eatonville, Florida, hereby proclaim

August 2026

as

“Florida Water Professionals Month”

in the Town of Eatonville and extend greetings and best wishes to all observing *Florida Water Professionals Month*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my
hand this 2nd day of June 2026.

Ruthi Critton, Mayor