



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 1, 2025, AT 7:30 PM

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ITEM TITLE: Reading of Proclamation – Water Professional Month (Clerk)

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:

PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS	YES	Department: CLERK
PUBLIC HEARING 1ST / 2ND READING		Exhibits: - Draft Proclamation
CONSENT AGENDA		
COUNCIL DECISION		
ADMINISTRATIVE		

REQUEST: Reading of a Proclamation in observance of Water Professional Month.

SUMMARY: The Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association (FWPCOA) was organized in 1940 as a non-profit trade organization to promote the sustainability of Florida's water utility industry that works to protect our citizens' health and preserve our state's water resources. The FWPCOA offers water and wastewater treatment plant operator and water distribution system operator training courses for state licensing requirements, eight voluntary certification programs, and continuing education programs for license renewal.

Our state's water industry employees work around the clock, 365 days every year, to ensure that safe drinking water is accessible to all Floridians and that our environment and natural resources are protected. The FWPCOA has celebrated "Florida Water Professionals Month" to recognize their hard work and dedication. This year, the FWPCOA seeks to increase community awareness by designating the month of August as "Florida Water Professionals Month."

Like other states, Florida depends on a network of aging underground pipes. The Florida Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers' most recent report card graded our Drinking Water Infrastructure a C and our Wastewater Infrastructure a C. This assessment highlights the importance of recognizing and supporting Florida's water professionals more than ever—out of sight need not be out of mind. In addition to recognizing our water professionals this August, the State of Florida elevated water professionals to Essential First Responder Status with the rights and responsibilities implied. This status becomes critical during natural disasters when water professionals are expected to keep vital, safe drinking water and wastewater systems operating.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend the reading of a proclamation in observance of Water Professional Month.

FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA: N/A