



Meeting Name: Town Council Meeting
Meeting Date: July 24, 2024
Prepared By: C. Copeland-Rodriguez, Town Clerk
Item Title: Proclamation – Florida Water Professionals Month

DISCUSSION:

Seacoast Utility Authority invited the Town of Juno Beach to join them in supporting the efforts of water professionals in our community.

BACKGROUND:

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. To recognize their hard work and dedication, the FWPCOA has celebrated "Florida Water Professionals Month." 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Town Council approve the proposed Proclamation for Florida Water Professionals Month.