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**Meeting Name:** Town Council Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** July 23, 2025  
**Prepared By:** C. Copeland-Rodriguez, MMC, Town Clerk  
**Item Title:** Proclamation – Florida Water Professionals Month 2025

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#### **DISCUSSION:**

Seacoast Utility Authority has invited the Town of Juno Beach to join them in supporting the efforts of the Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association (FWPCOA) to increase community awareness by designating the month of August as “Florida Water Professionals Month.”

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, which works to protect our citizens' health and preserve our state's water resources. The FWPCOA offers treatment plant and distribution system operator training courses to meet state licensing requirements, eight voluntary certification programs, and continuing education programs for license renewal.

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 reflected a “C” grade for the state’s drinking water and wastewater infrastructure. This assessment highlights the importance of recognizing and supporting Florida’s water professionals as they strive to maintain and upgrade these critical systems.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Town staff recommends Town Council approve the Proclamation for Florida Water Professionals Month.