



Town of Lake Park Town Commission

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date: July 19, 2023

Agenda Item No.

Agenda Title: Proclaiming Declaring August as Florida Water Professionals Month

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Approved by Town Manager Bambi McKibbon-Turner

Digitally signed by Bambi McKibbon-Turner
DN: cn=Bambi McKibbon-Turner, o=Town of Lake Park, ou=Assistant Town
Manager/Human Resources Director, email=btturner@lakeparkflorida.gov,
Date: 2023.07.06 15:24:57 -0400

Vivian Mendez, Town Clerk
Name/Title

Originating Department: Town Clerk	Costs: \$ 0.00 Funding Source: Acct. # [] Finance _____	Attachments: Email Request from Johnathan Torres Proclamation.
Advertised: Date: _____ Paper: _____ [X] Not Required	All parties that have an interest in this agenda item must be notified of meeting date and time. The following box must be filled out to be on agenda.	Yes I have notified everyone _____ OR Not applicable in this case ____ Please initial one.

Summary Explanation/Background:

At the July 5, 2023 Regular Commission Meeting, the Commission approve the request from Johnathan Torres for a proclamation declaring August as Florida Water Professional Month.

Recommended Motion: No motion required.

From: [Roger Michaud](#)
To: [Vivian Mendez](#)
Cc: [John D'Agostino](#); [Janet Perry](#)
Subject: Re: Proclamation Request
Date: Monday, June 26, 2023 2:23:10 PM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
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Absolutely and thank you

Roger Michaud
Mayor

TOWN OF LAKE PARK

535 Park Avenue

Lake Park, FL 33403

[561-881-3321, Ext. 9](#)

[561-881-3323](#) (Fax)

[561-718-8989](#) (Mayor's Cellphone)

rmichaud@lakeparkflorida.gov

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From: Vivian Mendez <vmendez@lakeparkflorida.gov>

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 2:20:53 PM

To: Roger Michaud <rmichaud@lakeparkflorida.gov>

Cc: John D'Agostino <JD'Agostino@lakeparkflorida.gov>; Janet Perry <jperry@lakeparkflorida.gov>

Subject: RE: Proclamation Request

We will have this added to the Town Managers comments of July 5, 2023 to seek direction from the Commission. Based on their decision we will place it on a future agenda.

Sincerely,

Vivian Mendez, MMC
Town Clerk
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vmendez@lakeparkflorida.gov



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From: Roger Michaud <rmichaud@lakeparkflorida.gov>

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 2:16 PM

To: Vivian Mendez <vmendez@lakeparkflorida.gov>

Cc: John D'Agostino <jD'Agostino@lakeparkflorida.gov>; Janet Perry <jperry@lakeparkflorida.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Proclamation Request

Good Afternoon Vivian,

Can we add this proclamation as a future agenda item for one of our future meetings per Mr. Torres request.

Thank you in advance

Mayor Michaud

Roger Michaud

Mayor

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From: Jonathan Torres <jtorres@sua.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 2:50 PM
To: Roger Michaud
Subject: Proclamation Request

Dear Mayor Roger Michaud:

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 the health of our citizens and to 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 as well as 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 is dependent 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 FWPCOA further seeks to elevate water professionals to Emergency 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.

We invite you and the Town of Lake Park to join us in supporting the efforts of water professionals in your community. You can help by executing a proclamation recognizing this important event. I am enclosing a sample proclamation for your reference. Please send your executed proclamation to my address, stated below, so we can recognize the Town's participation in this year's awareness month. If you would like an officer from our association to accept the proclamation at your council meeting, please contact me at your convenience. Thank you in advance for your anticipated participation!

Regards,



Jonathan Torres

Water Plant Maintenance Supervisor

Seacoast Utility Authority

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33410

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Florida Water Professionals Month

WHEREAS, the Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association, organized in 1941, 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 those who have played a significant part in operating and maintaining drinking water, wastewater, and storm water systems in Florida by celebrating *Florida Water Professionals Month*, which applauds their constant efforts to protect our health and environment.

WHEREAS, water professionals are often first responders during storms and other catastrophic events, working to ensure safe drinking water and safe disposal of wastewater for our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the Commission of the Town of Lake Park, Florida, I *Roger D. Michaud*, Mayor of the Town of Lake Park, Florida, hereby proclaim

August 2023

as

“Florida Water Professionals Month”

in Lake Park and extend greetings and best wishes to all observing *Florida Water Professionals Month*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the Town of Lake Park, Florida to be affixed this 19th day of July, 2023.

BY:

Mayor Roger D. Michaud

ATTEST:

Vivian Mendez, Town Clerk

