Proclamation

Town of Lake Park, Florida

WHEREAS, safe, clean and sustainable water resources are essential to Florida's environment, economy, citizens, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, although Florida's water supplies are finite, the state's population and need for water resources continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, water reuse provides a means for conserving and augmenting Florida's precious water resources and is key to the state's sustainable water future; and

WHEREAS, Florida has established the encouragement and promotion of water reuse as state objectives in Chapters 373 and 403, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, Florida's permitted reuse capacity is more than 1.8 billion gallons per day (approximately 70 percent of Florida's total permitted capacity for all domestic wastewater treatment facilities); and

WHEREAS, Florida has risen to be the national leader in water reuse -- reusing nearly 820 million gallons of reclaimed water per day to conserve freshwater supplies and recharge our freshwater resources; and

WHEREAS, May, typically a dry month when water demands are high, is a good time to educate residents about how they can help save Florida's precious water resources through water reuse; and

WHEREAS, WateReuse Florida, the state section of the WateReuse Association, has proclaimed the week of May 19-25, 2024 as Florida Water Reuse Week; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Lake Park has joined with WateReuse Florida, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the South Florida Water Management District in encouraging and promoting water reuse and conservation; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Lake Park has implemented a water reuse program and encourages efficient and effective use of reclaimed water; and

NOW, *THEREFORE*, be it resolved that by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Lake Park, hereby supports WateReuse Florida and proclaims May 19-25, 2024, as

WATER REUSE WEEK

The Town of Lake Park, Florida is calling upon each citizen and business to help protect our precious water resources by practicing water conservation and efficient and effective use reclaimed water.

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 6^{th} day of March, 2024.

BY:	ATTEST:
Mayor Roger Michaud	Vivian Mendez, Town Clerk