

WHEREAS, the Town of Loxahatchee Groves has experienced severe weather in the past in the form of extreme rainfall or tropical system events resulting in localized flooding. This flooding has caused damage and flood losses to homes and property in areas whether they are high-risk special flood hazard areas or low to moderate risk flood zones; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Loxahatchee Groves is a voluntary participant in the National Flood Insurance Program that provides residents with the opportunity to protect themselves against flood loss through the purchase of flood insurance at reduced premium rates as well as setting higher regulatory standards to reduce the flood risk and potential flood damage to their property; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of loss of life and property damage can be achieved when appropriate flood preparedness, control, and mitigation measures are taken before a flood; and

WHEREAS, public education and awareness of potential weather hazards and methods of protection are critical to the health, safety and welfare of residents, the Florida Floodplain Managers Associations (FEMA). Have declared the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as Flood Awareness Week to promote awareness and increase knowledge of flood risk, the availability of flood insurance, flood protection methods, and how to prepare for emergencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as Flood Awareness Week in the Town of Loxahatchee Groves and further encourage the citizens of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves to increase their knowledge of how to protect themselves and their property from flooding.

## FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK

In the Town of Loxahatchee Grove, Palm Beach County, Florida

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, *I*, *Anita Kane*, *Mayor of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves*, *Palm Beach County*, *Florida, do hereby affix my official signature and the Official Seal of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves*, *FL*, *on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025*.

Anita Kane, Mayor

Valerie Oakes, CMC, Town Clerk