

# PROCLAMATION

**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 continue 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**, WaterReuse Florida, the state section of the WaterReuse Association, has proclaimed the week of May 18–24, 2025, as Florida Water Reuse Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pahokee has joined with WaterReuse 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 City of Pahokee supports the implementation of water reuse practices and encourages the efficient and effective use of reclaimed water.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor of the City of Pahokee, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission and our citizens, do hereby proclaim the week of May **18–24, 2025** as **WATER REUSE WEEK** in the City of Pahokee, Florida, and call upon each citizen and business to help protect our precious water resources by practicing water conservation and the efficient and effective use of reclaimed water.

**In official recognition whereof, I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Pahokee to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025.**



*Keith W. Babb, Jr.*

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

*Derrick Boldin*

Commissioner Derrick Boldin

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