## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Pahokee has experienced severe weather events in the past, including extreme rainfall and tropical systems that have resulted in significant flooding. This flooding has affected both coastal and riverine areas, causing damage and losses to homes and buildings across all flood zones, including high-risk special flood hazard areas as well as low to moderate-risk zones; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pahokee is a voluntary participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which allows residents to protect themselves against flood losses by purchasing flood insurance at reduced premium rates. Additionally, the program establishes higher regulatory standards to help reduce flood risks and minimize potential property damage; and

WHEREAS, the risk of loss of life and property damage can be significantly reduced through proactive flood preparedness, control, and mitigation measures taken before a flood occurs; and

WHEREAS, public education and awareness of potential weather hazards and protective measures are essential to the health, safety, and welfare of residents. To promote awareness and increase knowledge of flood risks, flood insurance availability, flood protection methods, and emergency preparedness, the Florida Floodplain Managers Association (FFMA) has declared the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as Flood Awareness Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor of the City of Pahokee, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, hereby proclaim the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as:

Flood Awareness Week

In official recognition whereof, I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Pahokee to be affixed this 25th day of February 2025.



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Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.	Vice Mayor Clara Murvin
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