

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) that provides residents with the opportunity to protect themselves against flood loss through the purchase of flood insurance at reduced insurance 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 Association (FFMA), have declared the week of March 9th - 15th, 2026 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, I, Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor of the City of Pahokee, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim week of March 9th - 15th, 2026 as *Flood Awareness Week*.

In official recognition whereof, I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Pahokee to be affixed this 24th day of February 2026.



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