

WHEREAS: The Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association is a non-profit trade organization that promotes the sustainability of Florida's water utility industry through workforce development to protect the health of Florida's citizens and to preserve the state's water resources; and

WHEREAS: this organization offers water and wastewater treatment plant operator and water distribution operator training courses required for the State of Florida's operator licenses, eight voluntary certification programs, and continuing education programs for operator license renewal; and

WHEREAS: this organization, in recognizing the importance of the Florida Statutes and Administrative Code that regulate the water industry, acts as a liaison between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and industry personnel; and

WHEREAS: the Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association recognizes all who have played a significant part in operating and maintaining drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems in Florida by celebrating Florida Water Professionals Month, which applauds their constant efforts to protect our health and environment; and

WHEREAS: water professionals are essential first responders, as defined by Florida Statute 403.865 (b), during storms and other catastrophic events, working tirelessly to ensure the delivery of safe drinking water and the safe disposal of wastewater in our communities; and

WHEREAS: the City of Pompano Beach is proud to recognize the dedication and service of our local water professionals and all those across the state who serve with excellence and commitment in safeguarding public health and environmental resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Rex Hardin**, on behalf of the City Commission of Pompano Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 2025 as Florida Water Professionals Month in the City of Pompano Beach, and urge all residents to join us in recognizing and celebrating the vital contributions of water professionals throughout our community and the State of Florida.

Done this 22nd day of July, 2025



Rex Hardin, Mayor