

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 Statues; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ocala produces six million gallons of reuse water a day for a beneficial purpose including irrigation of golf courses, residential lots, municipal parks, and supplying the Ocala Wetland Recharge Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ocala has joined with, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the St. Johns River Water Management District in encouraging and promoting water reuse and conservation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ocala has implemented innovated efforts in its water reuse program and encourages efficient and effective use of reclaimed water; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kent Guinn, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, hereby proclaim May 15 - 21, 2022 as

WATER REUSE WEEK

The City of Ocala, Florida, urges every citizen and visitor to become more aware of the need to save our precious water supply and take appropriate measures to conserve and protect this vital resource.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Ocala, Florida, to be affixed this 9th day of May 2022.

Kent Guinn, Mayor City of Ocala