

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association is a statewide organization composed of water industry professionals who dedicate themselves to the production and distribution of safe drinking water, as well as the proper collection, treatment, reuse, and disposal of wastewater and stormwater; and

WHEREAS, this organization is committed to protecting the health of Florida's citizens and our state's natural resources, and supports the training, certification, and licensing of water industry personnel as a means to achieve these goals; and

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

WHEREAS, each year the Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association recognizes all those 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Eugene Fultz, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lake Wales, in the State of Florida, do hereby declare the month of August 2021 as

FLORIDA WATER PROFESSIONALS MONTH

and ask our citizens to join us in thanking all water and wastewater professional staff for their hard work and dedication to preserving Florida's water resources.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida, to be affixed this 17th day of August 2021

Mayor