

## **Resolution: Water Conservation Month**

**WHEREAS**, water is a basic and essential need and critical issue facing Florida as it strives to maintain economic prosperity through residential growth, tourism, agriculture and construction; and

**WHEREAS**, demands on natural supplies of fresh water to meet the needs of a growing population and the needs of the environment, agriculture and industry will continue to increase; and

**WHEREAS**, all water users including agricultural, industrial, hospitality and other commercial, institutional, and private citizens can contribute to conserving Florida's water resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association (FSAWWA) and its Water Use Efficiency Division advocates legislative, educational, operational and financial 'best management practices' for water resource and water supply management and stands in the forefront of promoting the efficient use of our state's water resources and sound water management practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the FSAWWA, in partnership with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida's water management districts, Florida Water Environment Association, Florida Rural Water Association and Florida Public Service Commission, is committed to the development and implementation of statewide water use efficiency guidelines and policies; and

**WHEREAS**, sound water resource and water supply management in Florida is best achieved by consensus building, establishing broad educational networks, conducting water use efficiency research, developing appropriate best management practices, sharing data and establishing additional partnerships for the development of local, regional and statewide water conservation policies; and

**WHEREAS**, over 200 water utilities and other entities in Florida annually designate April, typically a dry month when water demands are most acute, as Water Conservation Month, to educate the public about efficient use of precious water resources and supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, proclaiming Water Conservation Month in Florida will assist in increasing awareness and prompting action to make efficient use of our state's precious water resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby designate the month of April 2019, as WATER CONSERVATION MONTH in the State of Florida and call upon each citizen and business to help protect our precious resource by practicing water saving measures

and becoming more water efficient.