PROCLAMATION

FLORIDA WATER PROFESSIONALS MONTH
AUGUST 2020

WHEREAS, the Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association, organized in 1940, 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 liaison between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and industry personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association recognizes all those who have played a significant part in operating and maintaining drinking water, wastewater, and storm water 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 often first responders during storms and other catastrophic events, working to ensure safe drinking water and safe disposal of wastewater for our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL J. MEIER, Mayor of the City of Stuart, Florida do hereby proclaim August 2020, as

"FLORIDA WATER PROFESSIONALS MONTH"

in Stuart, Florida, and extend greetings and best wishes to all observing *Florida Water Professionals Month.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart, Florida to be affixed this 10th day of August, 2020.

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MICHAEL J. MEIER
MAYOR