



# 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 Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ocala produces six and half 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, Ben Marciano**, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Ocala, hereby proclaim May 19-25, 2024, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.



*Ben Marciano*

Ben Marciano, Mayor  
City of Ocala