



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA WATER PROFESSIONALS MONTH

WHEREAS, it is vitally important to maintain excellent water quality in the Sunshine State; and

WHEREAS, water professionals are trained, dedicated, and knowledgeable personnel who are responsible for designing, operating and maintaining water and wastewater treatment plants; and

WHEREAS, water professionals design, operate and maintain water distribution, wastewater collection and storm water drainage systems and perform laboratory analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Fighting for Florida's Future budget invests more than \$3.9 billion to protect agricultural and natural resources and ensure Florida has a pristine environment for future generations to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the Fighting for Florida's Future budget also invests \$22 million to start a new Wastewater Treatment Facility Storm Preparedness grant program that will offer up to a 75 percent state matching grant with local communities to help local wastewater treatment facilities prepare for future storm events and prevent sanitary sewer overflows like those Floridians experienced during the two hurricanes in 2016; and

WHEREAS, water professionals provide customer service to citizens throughout Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 2017 as *Florida Water Professionals Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this fourth day of April, in the year two thousand seventeen.


Governor