

WHEREAS, safe, clean and sustainable water resources are essential to Florida's environment, economy, citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Florida's water supplies are finite, while our population and our need for water resources continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, water reuse provides a means for conserving and augmenting Florida's precious water recourses; and

WHEREAS, Florida has established the encouragement and promotion of water reuse as state objectives in Chapters 373 and 403, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Florida's permitted reuse capacity exceeds 1.7 billion gallons per day (more than 67 percent of Florida's total permitted capacity for all domestic wastewater treatment facilities); and

WHEREAS, Florida leads the nation in reusing 725 million gallons of reclaimed water each day to conserve freshwater supplies and recharge our fresh water resources; and

WHEREAS, the state of Florida has declared the week of May 18 - 24, 2014, to be Water Reuse Week in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City of Margate Department of Environmental and Engineering Services (DEES) has joined with the State of Florida, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the South Florida Water Management District in encouraging and promoting water reuse and conservation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Margate Department of Environmental and Engineering Services (DEES) has evaluated and incorporated a water reuse program in the City's long-term Capital Improvement Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lesa Peerman, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the week of May 18 - 24, 2014, as

WATER REUSE WEEK

in the City of Margate and call upon each citizen and business to help protect our precious resource by practicing water conservation and to use water resources in an efficient and effective means.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be affixed this 16th day of April 2014.

LESA PEERMAN, MAYOR