

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 recourses 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, Florida has risen to be the national leader in water reuse, reusing 727 million gallons of reclaimed water per day to conserve freshwater supplies and replenish our rivers, streams, lakes, and aquifers; and

WHEREAS, Florida's permitted reuse capacity is almost 1.7 billion gallons per day (more than 65 percent of Florida's total permitted capacity for all domestic wastewater treatment facilities); and

WHEREAS, Water Reuse Florida, the state section of the Water Reuse Association, has proclaimed the week of May 14 - 20, 2017, as Florida Water Reuse Week; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tommy Ruzzano, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the week of May 14 - 20, 2017, as

WATER REUSE WEEK

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be affixed this 19th day of April 2017.

TOMMY KUZZANO, MAYOR