

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, water is the basic and essential need of every living creature, and clean, safe, and sustainable water resources and supplies are vital to the city of Tampa, Florida's economy, environment, citizens, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa joins state and regional entities including the Southwest Florida Water Management District and Tampa Bay Water in a commitment to protect and preserve Florida's water resources, promote personal responsibility, and increase awareness about the importance of water conservation and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has designated April, typically a dry month when water demands are the most acute, **Florida's Water Conservation Month** to educate citizens about how they can help save Florida's limited water resources and encourage water conservation every day; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa Water Department encourages and supports water conservation through various educational, technical, and assistance programs including the development and promotion of reclaimed water use, establishing scheduled watering restrictions when appropriate, and encouraging properly maintained irrigation systems that utilize functional rain shutoff devices to help minimize excessive potable water usage; and

WHEREAS, every category of water user including commercial, industrial, agricultural, institutional, hospitality, and private citizens can make positive contributions to conserve Tampa's primary water resources, specifically the Hillsborough River and Hillsborough River Watershed, and by doing so promote strong neighborhoods and a healthy community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa became a *Gold-level Designated Green Local Government* by the Florida Green Building Coalition in January 2009, acknowledging its exceptional environmental stewardship and commitment to making real, tangible improvements that will protect our natural environment for future generations through several mediums including water, energy, air quality, health issues, land use, and waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024, as

"WATER CONSERVATION MONTH"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and call upon each citizen and business to help protect our precious resource by practicing water saving measures, endeavor to keep our water resources clean and pollution free and become more aware of the need to use water efficiently.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 25th day of March 2024.



Jane Castor
Mayor