

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 20-26, 2012 AS WATER REUSE WEEK IN FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, water reuse provides a means for conserving and augmenting Florida's precious water resources, 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 1.5 billion gallons per day (62 percent of Florida's total permitted treatment capacity for all domestic wastewater treatment facilities), and Florida has risen to be the national leader in water reuse, and

WHEREAS, there are 107 reuse systems in the South Florida Water Management District that are reusing over 235 million gallons per day of reclaimed water for a beneficial purpose including irrigation of golf courses, residential lots and other green space, ground water recharge, environmental enhancement and industrial purposes, and

WHEREAS, there is over 630 million gallons per day of potentially reusable water that is currently being disposed of through ocean discharge or down deep injection wells based on existing effluent disposal practices within the boundaries of the South Florida Water Management District, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Water Environment Association Reuse Committee and WaterReuse Florida, the state section of the WaterReuse Association have designated May 20-26, 2012 to be Water Reuse Week in Florida, and

WHEREAS, South Florida Water Management District has joined with the State of Florida, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and other municipalities in encouraging and promoting water reuse and conservation, and

WHEREAS, South Florida Water Management District implements an alternative water supply funding program to provide financial assistance to entities developing alternative water supplies including water reuse; has funded studies and pilot programs to promote innovative treatment technologies; has engaged in innovative uses and application of reclaimed water; promotes and encourages efficient and effective use of reclaimed water, **now therefore**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:

Section 1. The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District hereby supports designating May 20-26, 2012 as **WATER REUSE WEEK** in Florida and

Section 2. The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District encourages all local governments and utilities to endorse and implement water reuse programs and all citizens and businesses to help protect our precious water resources by practicing water conservation, use water more than once and to use reclaimed water in an efficient and effective manner.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 10th day of May, 2012.

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD

By:

Chair Person

ATTEST:

Secretary

Approved as to form:

By:

Office of Counsel