

PROCLAMATION



State of Florida
Collier County
City of Marco Island

WATER REUSE WEEK

WHEREAS, safe, clean, and sustainable water resources are essential to Florida's environment, economy, citizens, and visitors, yet the state's finite water supplies face increasing demand as the population grows; and

WHEREAS, water reuse provides an important means of conserving and augmenting Florida's precious water resources, and the State of Florida has established the encouragement and promotion of water reuse as policy objectives in Chapters 373 and 403, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Florida has risen to be a national leader in water reuse, reusing approximately 958 million gallons of reclaimed water per day—more than 56% of all treated wastewater—to conserve and recharge freshwater resources, and the state's permitted reuse capacity now exceeds 1.6 billion gallons per day, representing approximately 62% of Florida's total permitted capacity for all domestic wastewater treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, May, typically a dry month with high water demand, presents an ideal opportunity to educate the public on how they can help preserve Florida's water resources through water reuse, and WateReuse Florida has proclaimed May 17–23, 2026, as Florida Water Reuse Week; and

WHEREAS, Marco Island has joined with WateReuse Florida to encourage and promote water reuse and conservation, having implemented its own water reuse program and promoting the efficient and effective use of reclaimed water; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Marco Island, Florida, that the week of May 17-23, 2026 be recognized as Water Reuse Week.

DONE AND ORDERED THIS 18th day of May, 2026.

Darrin Palumbo, Chairman

ATTEST

Joan Taylor, City Clerk