

Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



WHEREAS, Florida's natural beauty, crystal blue waters and white sand beaches attract residents and visitors from around the world; and

WHEREAS, clean and sustainable water resources are vital to Florida's environment, economy and quality of life;

WHEREAS, more than 90 percent of Florida's drinking water is supplied by underlying aquifers, and our quality of life and the economy depend upon a clean and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, Floridians consume more than 7.9 billion gallons per day of fresh water, and the future of Florida depends greatly upon the availability of water; and

WHEREAS, South Florida residents consume 179 gallons per person, per day - the highest water usage in the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, together with local partners, are investing billions of dollars to develop alternative water supplies, clean up stormwater pollution, restore rivers, lakes and springs, upgrade drinking water facilities and improve wastewater treatment; and

WHEREAS, water conservation can cost as little as 6 cents to 72 cents per 1,000 gallons of water saved, while the cost of constructing alternative water supply facilities can range from \$5 to \$7 per 1,000 gallons of water created; and

WHEREAS, all water users including commercial, industrial, agricultural, institutional, hospitality, private citizens and others can make positive contributions to reduce water use and protect Florida's water resources; and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Water Management District, is implementing a Comprehensive Water Conservation Program to instill a lasting culture of conservation in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida are designating April as Florida's Water Conservation Month to encourage Floridians to conserve the state's precious water resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. VERNON, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL AS

“WATER CONSERVATION MONTH”

AND CALL UPON EACH CITIZEN AND BUSINESS TO HELP PROTECT OUR PREVIOUSLY TAKEN FOR GRANTED WATER RESOURCE BY PRACTICING WATER SAVING MEASURES AND BECOMING MORE AWARE OF OUR NEED TO SAVE WATER.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE THIS 13TH DAY OF APRIL, 2010.

MAYOR ROBERT L. VERNON

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

WHEREAS, Florida's water supplies are finite, while our population and our need for water continues to increase; 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 1.4 billion gallons per day (over 58 percent of Florida's total permitted capacity for all domestic wastewater treatment facilities); and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has declared the week of May 10-16, 2010 to be Water Reuse Week in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Key Biscayne 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 Village of Key Biscayne has implemented a water reuse program and encourages efficient and effective use of reclaimed water; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. VERNON, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 10-16, 2010 AS

“WATER REUSE WEEK”

AND CALL UPON EACH CITIZEN AND BUSINESS TO HELP PROTECT OUR PREVIOUS RESOURCE BY PRACTICING WATER CONSERVATION AND TO USE RECLAIM WATER IN AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MEANS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE THIS 13TH DAY OF APRIL, 2010.



MAYOR ROBERT L. VERNON