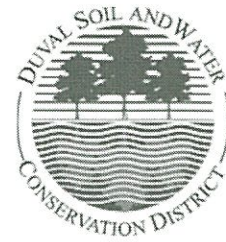


**Water Conservation Month Proclamation
Duval Soil and Water Conservation District
Duval County, Florida**



WHEREAS, water is a basic and essential need of every living creature; and

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

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 reliable, clean and available supply of water and a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, the Duval Soil and Water Conservation District is working with the state of Florida, local governments and water supply utilities to increase awareness about the importance of water conservation and to increase efforts to conserve water;

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

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;

WHEREAS, the St. Johns River Water Management District encourages and supports water conservation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Duval Soil and Water Conservation District hereby proclaims the month of April 2016 as Water Conservation Month.

The Duval Soil and Water Conservation District is calling upon each resident, visitor and business to help protect our precious resource by practicing water conservation measures and becoming more aware of the need to conserve water.



Shannon Blankinship, Chairman

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of March, 2016.