

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, water is a basic and essential need of every living creature, and water conservation is becoming critical across our great state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, Water Management Districts and Marion County are working together to increase awareness about the importance of efficient water use through various educational programs and special events; and

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

WHEREAS, every business, industry, school and citizen can make a difference when it comes to using water wisely and can help by saving water and thus promoting a healthy economy and community; and

WHEREAS, properly maintained rain sensors help conserve water by avoiding unnecessary watering, reduce irrigation system degradation, and promote healthier plants and lawns;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim that the month of **April, 2026** be known as

"WATER CONSERVATION MONTH"

in Marion County and the Board urges each citizen and business to help protect our precious resource by practicing water saving measures and becoming more aware of the need to use water efficiently. For this, the 28th year of Water Conservation Month, there will be a special focus on irrigation rain sensors and shutoff device maintenance.

DULY PROCLAIMED this 7th day of **April, 2026**.

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