

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

Declaring April 2021 as “Water Conservation Month” in Alachua County, Florida

- Whereas,** clean and resilient water resources are vital to Alachua County’s environment, economy and quality of life; and
- Whereas,** conservation of these resources is critical to sustaining and improving the aquatic ecosystems in the springs, including Outstanding Florida Springs and the Santa Fe River, an Outstanding Florida Water; and
- Whereas,** water flowing into Alachua County’s wetlands and creeks help replenish and protect fishing, hunting, and recreational resources associated with Newnans Lake, Orange Lake, and Lake Lochloosa; and
- Whereas,** Alachua County promotes water conservation and innovative stormwater management through development design practices that utilize green infrastructure and implement water friendly land development standards; and
- Whereas,** protection of water resources is a critical component of any climate change response including water conservation programs which directly and indirectly lower greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Whereas,** Alachua County has made limiting landscape irrigation a water conservation priority by adopting and enforcing water management district landscape irrigation regulations; and
- Whereas,** Alachua County has adopted a countywide Irrigation Efficiency Design Code to further reduce inefficient landscape irrigation and fertilizer pollution; and
- Whereas,** Alachua County is promoting the replacement of irrigated turf with Florida Friendly Landscaping with the Turf SWAP Rebate Program; and
- Whereas,** by focusing on water conservation, every business, industry, school and citizen can join Alachua County’s efforts to protect our climate and natural resources and reduce the need to invest in alternative water supply sources.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim April 2021 as “Water Conservation Month” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 13th day of April, A.D., 2021. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Ken Cornell, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. “Jess” Irby, Clerk