

WHEREAS, water is our most valuable natural resource; and

WHEREAS, drinking water serves a vital role in daily life, serving an essential purpose to health, hydration and hygiene needs for the quality of life our citizens enjoy; and

WHEREAS, only tap water delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for our economy and the quality of life we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, any measure of a successful society – low mortality rates, economic growth and diversity, productivity, and public safety-are in some way related to access to safe water; and

WHEREAS, the hard work performed by the entire water sector, designing capital projects, operators ensuring the safety and quality of drinking water or a member of a pipe crew maintaining the infrastructure communities rely on to transport high quality drinking water from its source to consumers' taps; and

WHEREAS, we are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which future generations depend; and

WHEREAS, each citizen of our city is called upon to help protect our source waters from pollution, practice water conservation, and get involved in local water issues by familiarizing themselves with their water; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edgewater recognizes the vital role tap water plays in daily life, the infrastructure that is required to carry it to and from homes and businesses, and the critical work that water professionals accomplish around the clock and behind the scenes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edgewater offers consumers an opportunity to recognize the hardworking people performing various roles ensuring tap water is there when you need it; and

WHEREAS, the coronavirus pandemic has shone a light on the importance of drinking water for health, hydration and hygiene needs; and

WHEREAS, our water systems play a critical part in consumers' health, hygiene and hydration, many miles of buried pipes ensure reliable water is transported from collection, through the treatment process to homes and business for cleaning, hydration and cooking, which are critical to health and safety; and

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Diezel Depew, on behalf of the City of Edgewater, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of May 4-10, 2025, as **Drinking Water Week** in the City of Edgewater, Florida and we urge each citizen and business to help protect our precious resource by practicing water saving measures, becoming more aware of the need to save water and recognize the water professionals working to ensure the water will be "There When You Need It".

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of May, 2025, and caused this seal to be affixed.

Mayor Diezel Depew

City Clerk Bonnie Zlotnik