Stormwater Stewardship Month

WHEREAS, stormwater is rainwater that falls on hard surfaces and does not soak into the ground, creating runoff. This runoff picks up pollution from vehicles, chemicals, construction sites, trash and pet waste as it moves over roads, sidewalks, parking lots, roofs and lawns; and

WHEREAS, this runoff flows into storm drains, mostly untreated, into our lakes, rivers, streams and waterways; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of residents to ensure their actions eliminate possible sources of pollution and keep our waterbodies healthy for environmental and human benefit; and

WHEREAS, Stormwater Stewardship Month is an opportunity for local governments, businesses, and environmental groups to emphasize the importance of preventing stormwater pollution in our waterways.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL WILKINSON, Mayor of the Town of Belleair, Florida, Commission do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025, Stormwater Stewardship Month.

FURTHER, I encourage all residents to take advantage of resources shared through the campaign, and to participate in solutions that keep our waterways clean and safe for all our benefit.

> GIVEN under our hand and the seal of the TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA, this 20th day of May 2025.

> > MICHAEL WILKINSON, MAYOR