## WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02**

## WITHLACOOCHEE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROCLAIMS APRIL 2023 AS "SPRINGS PROTECTION AWARENESS MONTH"

WHEREAS, Florida's springs are essential to the environment, economy, residents and visitors of the state; and

WHEREAS, there are five first-magnitude spring groups within the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority (WRWSA) that collectively discharge more than one billion gallons of water per day; and

WHEREAS, these groups are important not only for their ecological value but also for their economic impact on the communities that call these areas home; and

WHEREAS, the WRWSA, in partnership with the various stakeholders, is committed to helping to conserve and restore the ecological balance of these spring systems, thereby supporting regional economies and quality of life.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority hereby proclaims the month of April 2023 as "SPRINGS PROTECTION AWARENESS MONTH."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority shall continue to contribute to an adaptive management strategy to protect the region's springs through restoration, planning, communication and education, monitoring, research and development, regulation, conservation, and land acquisition and management.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Chair and Secretary are hereby authorized to affix their signatures to the Resolution on behalf of the Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in Lecanto, Citrus County, Florida, on this twentieth day of March 2023.

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Attest:

By:

Jeff Kinnard, Chair-Elect

Suzannah J. Folsom, Secretary