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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 the Tampa Bay; 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 2025 is an opportunity for local governments, businesses, and environmental groups to emphasize the importance of preventing stormwater pollution in our waterways; and
- WHEREAS,** we encourage all residents to take advantage of resources shared through the 2025 campaign and to participate in solutions that keep our waterways clean and safe for all our benefit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners that the month of May 2026, be recognized as:

STORMWATER STEWARDSHIP MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of Pinellas County, Florida, to be affixed this **XXst** day of May 2026.