

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution expressing support for a one-water
3 approach toward this state's water supply, managing
4 all water, whether from the tap, a stream, a storm, an
5 aquifer, or a sewer, in a collaborative, integrated,
6 inclusive, and holistic manner to support future
7 growth of this state's water supply and avoid any
8 projected shortages.
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10 WHEREAS, water is a vital resource essential for human
11 health, well-being, and economic prosperity, and

12 WHEREAS, this state's strong economy and unprecedented
13 growth has resulted in an increasing demand for water and has
14 increasingly impacted to this state's water resources, and

15 WHEREAS, the residents of this state place a premium on
16 clean water, springs, lakes, coastal estuaries, and other
17 environmental resources, and

18 WHEREAS, this state's spring, lake, estuary, and wetland
19 systems include some of the most productive and diverse
20 ecosystems in the world, and

21 WHEREAS, this state's waterways provide some of this
22 nation's best recreational destinations and support significant
23 commercial, recreational, and sustenance fisheries, and

24 WHEREAS, this state's national rank as a top three producer
25 of agricultural products and agricultural production depends on
26 adequate water supplies, and

27 WHEREAS, despite this state's strong water resource
28 protection framework, approximately 67 percent of this state is
29 categorized as water resource caution areas, and more than 2,000
30 water bodies are designated as impaired for water quality, and

31 WHEREAS, historically, water management practices have
32 addressed water supply, wastewater, and stormwater separately,
33 leading to inefficiencies and missed opportunities for resource
34 optimization, and

35 WHEREAS, projected water shortages, water quality issues,
36 and environmental impacts can be addressed through integrated
37 planning, infrastructure investments, conservation, and
38 integrated water resource management, and

39 WHEREAS, the Florida One Water Commission, composed of a
40 cross-section of stakeholders, supports a one-water approach to
41 water resource management, and

42 WHEREAS, this state's public water utilities and other
43 water users are beginning to regionally manage all water
44 resources in a way that balances demand, supply, and
45 environmental protection, and

46 WHEREAS, public water utilities and other users are
47 increasingly turning to a one-water strategy, valuing all water
48 through a collaborative and integrated systems approach to

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49 | managing all fresh and brackish surface and groundwater,
50 | stormwater, wastewater, and recycled water in a holistic and
51 | sustainable manner that maintains ecosystems while providing
52 | reliable and resilient water resources that support economic,
53 | environmental, and public benefits, NOW, THEREFORE,

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55 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
56 | Florida:

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58 | That the House of Representatives expresses support for a
59 | one-water approach toward this state's water supply, managing
60 | all water, whether from the tap, a stream, a storm, an aquifer,
61 | or a sewer, in a collaborative, integrated, inclusive, and
62 | holistic manner to support future growth of this state's water
63 | supply and avoid any projected shortages.