Whereas, concrete pipe is a Florida sustainable construction product that uses Florida-sourced raw materials of cement, sand, and rock aggregates; and

Whereas, the 1,300 miles of concrete pipe supplied annually in Florida—equivalent to a round trip drive from Tallahassee to Key West—for highway projects and local developments reliably conveys stormwater and safely supports our citizens and cargo; and

Whereas, concrete pipe is primarily produced by three producers in six plants throughout the state employing hundreds of Floridians and indirectly supporting hundreds more in ancillary support, and with one producer, Rinker Materials, located in the City of Fort Myers; and

Whereas, concrete pipe is the only storm pipe product available in Florida that is strength tested, subjected to tens of thousands of pounds, before it is purchased and installed to certify its viability and inherent safety; and

Whereas, concrete pipe is rigid, rugged, and resilient to withstand the hostilities of Florida’s environment, including groundwater uplift, tidal forces, hurricanes, and brush fires; and

Whereas, locally produced concrete pipe was provided, designed by the City of Fort Myers, and installed by a local contractor, to ultimately restore the drainage system and the beautiful and iconic Gateway to the City, McGregor Boulevard; and

Now, Therefore, I, Randall P. Henderson, Jr., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Fort Myers, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of August 19 – 25, 2018 as

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in Fort Myers and call upon each citizen and business to have confidence in the knowledge that our roads and communities are built upon this rigid, rugged, and resilient product.

In Witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Fort Myers, Florida, on this 16th day of August in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen.

Randall P. Henderson, Jr.
Mayor