



## Floridians' Clean Water Declaration Campaign – *JOIN US!*

The *Floridians' Clean Water Declaration* is a positive vision to inspire people to work together to create a new water ethic, find solutions to Florida's water quality and quantity problems and send a clear message to our water managers that the people of Florida demand clean water.

### Background

- From North Florida's renowned freshwater springs to South Florida's Everglades and coral reefs, our state is blessed with countless watery wonders.
- But many of these watery wonders are dying – either choked by pollution and toxic algae or drying up because of over-consumption, or both.
- Floridians can no longer depend on clean water for drinking, fishing or swimming.
- Our supply of fresh water is disappearing.
- Our waterways are used as sewers by many industries and are polluted by septic tanks and fertilizer.
- The longer we wait to address our water problems the more expensive it will be.
- We know what our water problems are – now is the time to act to solve them.
- We, our children and our grandchildren, deserve better.

### The Declaration

- The *Floridians' Clean Water Declaration* Campaign is a collaborative effort driven by dozens of water quality advocacy organizations around the state.
- We are coming together to create a force for change – a change in the water policies of the state of Florida.
- The *Floridians' Clean Water Declaration* is the “bottom line” for protecting Florida's waters, wildlife and the health and livelihoods of Floridians.

### The Campaign

- We can demonstrate a demand from *all* Floridians -- individuals, businesses, organizations, and elected officials -- for action to ensure clean water for all of us by gathering as many signatures as possible.
- By sharing ideas and resources across stakeholder lines and watersheds we will be stronger – stronger together to fight for our rights to clean water.
- Do you want clean water to drink? Do you want to support the many businesses that depend on clean water? Then join us – sign the declaration!

**Find out more about the campaign and participating organizations at:**

*Floridians' Clean Water Declaration website:* <http://goo.gl/rK8VkJ>

*Facebook:* <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Floridians-Clean-Water-Declaration-Campaign/1425090757722868>

## FLORIDIANS' CLEAN WATER DECLARATION

*In recognition that:*

Clean water is essential for healthy people and a healthy economy.

Florida water quality and quantity are inseparably linked.

Florida waters are held in public trust by the State of Florida for the benefit of its people and the maintenance of natural ecosystems.

*We the undersigned hereby declare:*

**The people of Florida have an inalienable *right* to:**

1. Clean drinking water whether that water is drawn from public sources or private wells.
2. Safe lakes, streams, springs, rivers, canals and coastal waters for swimming and fishing.
3. Protection from water pollution and its effects.
4. Know the sources of pollution that threaten Florida's waters.
5. Protection from water privatization and its effects.
6. Abundant water for drinking, fishing and recreation.

**The people of Florida, the state government, and the industries that benefit from Florida's natural resources have the *responsibility* to:**

1. Stop pollution at its source rather than allowing it to enter our waters.
2. Protect Florida's waters, as well as the people who depend on them, from overconsumption and privatization.
3. Protect the natural environment which is critical to the health of Florida's people, wildlife and economy.
4. Provide clean water for future generations.

By signing this declaration, we ***agree to its principles*** and ***resolve to work together in good faith*** to ensure that the future of our waters will be driven by the concepts contained within this FLORIDIANS' CLEAN WATER DECLARATION.

Signed,

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**Address:**

**Email:**

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