CITY OF WINTER PARK

proclamation

Storm Drain Marking Month | October 2026

WHEREAS, storm drains are a major pathway through which human-generated pollutants, including automotive fluids, lawn fertilizers, debris and yard waste enter our waterways; and

WHEREAS, watersheds supply water to the springs where we swim and participate in recreational activities, as well as to aquifers that provide much of our fresh drinking water, and other essential water resources; and

WHEREAS, contaminants in drinking, bathing and recreational waters can pose significant risks to human health, including increased risks of certain cancers, neurological and developmental effects, and in severe cases, death; and

WHEREAS, grass clippings and other organic yard waste can contribute excess nutrients into waterways, promoting eutrophication, harmful algal blooms, oxygen depletion and the degradation of aquatic ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every citizen to help prevent pollutants and excess nutrients from entering storm drains, watersheds, springs and aquifers to protect public health, preserve our natural resources, and safeguard clean water for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sheila DeCiccio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **October 2026** as **"Storm Drain Marking Month"** in the City of Winter Park, Florida, and encourage all residents to help protect Winter Park's waterways.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 29th day of October 2026.

Sheila DeCiccio
Mayor