

WHEREAS, each year approximately 1.7 million people in the USA are diagnosed with cancer, of which 25% are rare cancers; and

WHEREAS, rare cancers represent the largest number of cancer types and all pediatric cancers are rare. Yet rare cancers receive the least amount of research funding, and most have no curative treatments or standard of care; and

WHEREAS, the five year survival rate is lower for patients with rare cancer than for those diagnosed with a more common cancer; and

WHEREAS, rare cancers affect every age group, demographic, and social economic background. For example, Fibrolamellar Carcinoma, a rare adolescent/young adult liver cancer, affects 1 in 5 million people, primarily between the ages of 12-34 years old, who face a dire outcome due to the lack of research support; and

WHEREAS, efforts to increase awareness of rare cancer symptoms in patients and clinicians by organizations such as the National Organization of Rare Disorders (NORD), Rare Cancer Coalition, and the Fibrolamellar Cancer Foundation, could lead to earlier detection and improvements in survival in our residents locally and people around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims September 30, 2022, as

“RARE CANCER DAY”

to help raise awareness of rare cancers, encourage our residents to recognize the impact of rare diseases on families within our community, and honor those in our community whose lives are currently impacted and whose lives have been shortened by rare diseases.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of the
City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 8th day of September, 2022.**