

WHEREAS, the Sierra Club, committed to the exploration, enjoyment, and safeguarding of the earth's wild places, practices and advocates for the responsible stewardship of the planet's ecosystems and resources; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is celebrated annually to celebrate the beauty of our planet, recommit to actions to promote a healthy environment, and reinforce our commitment to cultivating a world that is peaceful, equitable, and sustainable; and

WHEREAS, in a collaborative effort with the Broward Sierra Club, high school students from across Broward County participated in an Earth Day art competition on March 23rd, dedicated to raising awareness about plastic pollution through creative expression; and

WHEREAS, the competition challenged students to craft art pieces using recyclable plastic waste, and compose narratives highlighting the issue of single-use plastics and other trash waste, thereby explaining the inspiration and message behind their creations; and

WHEREAS, among the thirty participants, only seventeen met the competition's comprehensive criteria; and

WHEREAS, Zofia Chmielewska, a talented resident of Coconut Creek, distinguished herself by securing 1st place with her compelling submission—an artwork meticulously crafted from recycled plastics, which not only demonstrated creative excellence but also conveyed a powerful message on the urgent need for environmental conservation and the reduction of single-use plastic waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby recognizes,

Zofia Chmielewska

for her exceptional commitment to environmental preservation, exemplified through her innovative and thought-provoking artwork, which serves as a testament to the power of creativity in advancing sustainable practices and awareness.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 25th day of April 2024.**