WHEREAS, Coconut Creek recognizes the importance of protecting and preserving our natural resources and working to make the world a better place by adopting conscientious living habits that will improve our daily lives and bring about a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment; and

WHEREAS, Coconut Creek has undertaken many positive and successful waste reduction programs that have helped make Coconut Creek one of Florida's recycling leaders, however, we can further reduce electronic waste (e-waste) and recycle even more electronics; and

WHEREAS, although there has been a significant increase in the amount of recycling in Coconut Creek today, we must continue to focus on other electronic waste initiatives such as electronic waste reduction, electronic waste collection events, electronic waste educational materials for our community, the reuse of electronic products and materials, and purchasing recycled or post-consumer electronic products and packaging; and

WHEREAS, by encouraging businesses, state agencies, nonprofit organizations, schools, and individuals to celebrate Coconut Creek E-Waste Day, we can further promote electronic recycling as an environmentally efficient and economically smart way of life; and

WHEREAS, local community leaders can help encourage recycling by informing citizens about the importance of buying recycled electronic products, and they can also help foster greater awareness about current collection programs, such as Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events, and the need to expand collection programs for recyclable goods and materials by promoting the benefits of recycling investments for businesses; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all Coconut Creek residents become involved in E-Waste recycling activities and learn more about the many recycled products and packaging available to them as consumers; it is also fitting for Coconut Creek to celebrate National E-Waste Day to help ensure a safe and healthy environment and an improved quality of life for present and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims October 14, 2023, as

"COCONUT CREEK E-WASTE DAY"

in the City of Coconut Creek, and encourages all residents and business owners to recycle electronic products.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed this 12th day of October 2023.