

**WHEREAS**, violence and risky behaviors have become a serious problem in our communities and society at large with great implications for the well-being and future of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, every person can move the world in a direction of peace through his or her daily, non-violent choices and actions; and

**WHEREAS**, an awareness of non-violent principles and practices is a powerful way to heal, transform, and empower our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, community crime and violence prevention efforts significantly reduce victimization and help rebuild a sense of mutual responsibility and shared pride in our neighborhoods, communities, state, and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been researched and proven that a climate of safety and respect within the home and school is essential for academic achievement and overall health; and

**WHEREAS**, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to violence; and

**WHEREAS**, “Choose Peace Week” is a collaborative effort led by the United Way of Broward County, the School Board of Broward County, and Children’s Services Council of Broward County to address the terrible reality of youth violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Friday, September 20, 2019, has been designated “Peace Across Broward Day = End Means to Earth,” and community members are urged to wear green to support this effort.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims September 20-27, 2019, as

***“CHOOSE PEACE WEEK”***

and urge all residents to join the City of Coconut Creek in supporting “Choose Peace Week” and promoting non-violence in all aspects of our lives.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto  
set our hands and caused the seal of  
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed  
this 12th day of September 2019.**