WHEREAS, National Kids to Parks Day is a day of outdoor play celebrated annually by parks, cities, and towns across the country; and

WHEREAS, this year due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and social distancing measures, the National Park Trust is bringing the parks to kids; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Trust and the City of Coconut Creek are encouraging kids to explore their backyards and their neighborhood with activities and virtual learning; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are vitally important to contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region, establishing and maintaining quality of life, and ensuring the health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation activities are an integral part of communities throughout the country, including the City of Coconut Creek.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims May 16, 2020, as

"NATIONAL PARKS TO KIDS DAY"

in the City of Coconut Creek and encourages all citizens to participate in recreational activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed this 14th day of May 2020.