

WHEREAS, after witnessing illness and devastation caused by natural disasters in his homeland of Jamaica, Ferdinand Mahfood felt a calling to take action to address malnutrition, poverty, unsafe housing, unsafe drinking water, vulnerable children, and lack of medical care; and

WHEREAS, Ferdinand Mahfood and his brothers founded Food For The Poor on February 12, 1982, and began operations in Jamaica in June 1983; and

WHEREAS, the launching of Food For The Poor in Jamaica created a model that the organization replicated in other countries throughout Latin America and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, Food For The Poor's goal for children and families served by the organization is that they break free from the cycle of multigenerational poverty and sustain their own futures through resources, education and empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Food For The Poor has been carrying out their mission at their Coconut Creek, Florida, headquarters since January 15, 2007, with the dedication of a 120,000-square-foot warehouse and headquarters facility with space for more than 300 employees; and

WHEREAS, for 42 years, Food For The Poor's legacy of love and compassion for impoverished children and families carries on every day throughout those who volunteer and work at the organization's headquarters in Coconut Creek; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, Food For The Poor will begin a food match campaign in advance of World Hunger Day on May 28 to raise awareness about the critical issues of food insecurity, hunger, and malnutrition in support of the organization's commitment to ending hunger.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims May 7th as

“FOOD FOR THE POOR DAY”

in the City of Coconut Creek and expresses appreciation for the organization's charitable work to serve hundreds of thousands of families in need.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 11th day of April 2024.**