

**WHEREAS**, according to records maintained by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), between 1882 and 1968, approximately 4,743 people, mostly black Americans, were lynched in the United States of America, and of these, 282 were known to have occurred in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the records further reveal that Rubin Stacy, a 29-year-old black American male, a husband, father, laborer, and resident of Broward County, was lynched in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on July 19, 1935; and

**WHEREAS**, there are various reports with conflicting accounts as to the allegations by a white woman who lived on Old Davie Road, now known as Davie Boulevard, just southwest of 31st Avenue, which led to Mr. Stacy's arrest and ultimate lynching; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Stacy was killed near the accuser's home, was left hanging from a tree while nearly 1,000 people went to see his mutilated body, and his death certificate lists "lynching by mob" as a contributing cause of death and the principal cause of death was a "broken neck and gunshot wounds through the heart;" and

**WHEREAS**, it is evident from all accounts and the record that Mr. Stacy was denied justice at the hands of a lynch mob; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Lauderdale City Commission has adopted a resolution to designate the segment of Davie Boulevard (State Road 736) between Interstate 95 ("I-95") and U.S. Highway 441 ("US-441"), also known as State Road 7, with the secondary street name of "Rubin Stacy Memorial Boulevard" to memorialize Rubin Stacy and bring awareness and education to the injustice and negative impacts surrounding acts of lynching, racial injustice, and social inequality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby supports the City of Fort Lauderdale's efforts to memorialize Mr. Stacy and to encourage the search for truth and reconciliation that leads to real solutions to contemporary problems.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto  
set our hands and caused the seal of the  
City of Coconut Creek to be affixed  
this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.**