**WHEREAS,** in the United States, nearly 1.3 million people are living with, or are in remission from, leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, or other form of blood cancer, with an estimated 171,550 new cases expected to be diagnosed in 2017; and

**WHEREAS,** leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma will kill an estimated 58,320 people in the United States this year; and

**WHEREAS**, blood cancers are the third leading cancer killer of Americans, and every three minutes someone in the U.S. is diagnosed with a blood cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), through voluntary contributions, is dedicated to finding cures for these diseases through research efforts and support for those who suffer from them; and

**WHEREAS**, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Southern Florida Chapter was founded in 1972 to help improve the quality of life for blood cancer patients and their families in the State of Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coconut Creek encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs that are saving lives not someday, but today.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims the month of September 2017 as

## "BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

to increase the understanding of blood related cancers and to encourage participation in voluntary activities to support education and the funding of research programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed this 28th day of September 2017.