WHEREAS, being a victim of a crime and navigating the criminal justice system can be a frightening and confusing experience; and

WHEREAS, since the passage of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, and through the dedicated work of advocates, lawmakers, and victim service providers, there is a growing array of services and resources available to victims and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, honoring the rights of victims—including the rights to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect and working to meet their needs —rebuilds trust in the criminal justice and social service systems; and

WHEREAS, an individuals' trust in the compassion, understanding, and support of their communities is achieved through sustained, deep-rooted, and coordinated outreach; and

WHEREAS, identifying, reaching, and serving all victims of crime—especially those from groups that often have less access to healing services and avenues to justice—is essential; and

WHEREAS, our community's continued engagement with the challenges faced by the victims of crime will ensure that the progress made to date is not lost and that new ground is broken to gain greater justice and healing for all victims; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that accessible, appropriate, and trauma-informed services are offered to all victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek is hereby dedicated to helping victims find their justice by enforcing victim's rights, expanding access to services, and ensuring equity and inclusion for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims April 6-12, 2025, as

"NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK"

in the City of Coconut Creek, reaffirming this City's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year and expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 10th day of April 2025.