

**WHEREAS**, the victims' rights movement has resulted in the passage of laws at the local, state, and federal levels that established essential rights for victims; and

**WHEREAS**, crime victims' rights acts passed here in Florida and at the federal level have provided victims with ways to participate meaningfully throughout the criminal justice process; and

**WHEREAS**, the rights of crime victims are best protected when all participants in the criminal justice process—not only victims—are appropriately educated about victims' rights; and

**WHEREAS**, we must help victims access the justice, assistance, and support they need to rebuild their lives; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coconut Creek is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim service providers, and bringing hope and healing to all victims and survivors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims April 19-25, 2020, as

***“NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK”***

in the City of Coconut Creek, and appreciates 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, support, justice, and peace.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto  
set our hands and caused the seal of  
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed  
this 23rd day of April 2020.**