

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2023, long-time Coconut Creek resident Morris “Chick” Chase will be celebrating his 100th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Chick served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945 as a nose gunner; and

WHEREAS, while serving as a World War II nose gunner, his B-17 plane was shot out of the sky over Germany after 28 missions; and

WHEREAS, he parachuted from the plane into a tree and suffered several broken bones; and

WHEREAS, Chick was one of four survivors of the plane crash, but he was held as a prisoner of war for nine months; and

WHEREAS, following his valiant military service in the US Army Air Corps, Chick moved to the City of Coconut Creek; and

WHEREAS, he began his service to the City in 2003 as a dedicated board member, first serving on the Environmental Advisory Board, and then serving on the Planning and Zoning Board in 2005; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board, Chick assisted in critical land use and site development decisions, including the visioning for the City’s MainStreet project area and numerous land development code and comprehensive plan amendments; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, Chick volunteered at many City events, including the City’s Annual Free Tree Giveaway, offering his time and expertise to serve the residents of Coconut Creek; and

WHEREAS, the City appreciates the time and knowledge Chick has shared with the community during his sixteen (16) dedicated years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby honors Morris “Chick” Chase as a treasure to this community and for his exemplary life well lived, and expresses sincere appreciation for his dedicated service to the City of Coconut Creek and the Country.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 13th day of July 2023.**