

WHEREAS, since 2006, students and teachers have been making a difference in the eco health of our planet through the Lexus Eco Challenge, a national environmental education program and challenge; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,300 students in Grades 6-12 participated in the Lexus Eco Challenge, an educational contest that empowers students to learn about the environment and take action to improve it; and

WHEREAS, the Lexus Eco Challenge gets students involved in project-based learning, teamwork, and skill building as they identify an environmental issue that affects their community and report on the results by way of an action plan; and

WHEREAS, through the first two phases of the Lexus Eco Challenge, 32 middle and high school teams were selected as finalists. Each finalist earned a \$10,000 prize and was invited to embark on the final challenge to reach beyond their local community to inspire environmental action; and

WHEREAS, the “Mangrove Miracles” team of North Broward Preparatory School addressed the issue of global warming and the benefits of planting mangroves near shorelines; and

WHEREAS, with the help of the entire 6th grade class, young mangroves trees called propagules were planted in the school’s mariculture system and transplanted in local areas; and

WHEREAS, the “Mangroves Miracles” team discovered that mangroves play a vital role in protecting the coast during tropical storms; and

WHEREAS, the “Mangroves Miracles” team’s regional prize earned \$10,000 in scholarships and grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby declares Thursday, April 23, 2020, as

***“NORTH BROWARD PREPARATORY SCHOOL
LEXUS ECO CHALLENGE TEAM MANGROVES MIRACLES DAY”***

in recognition of their efforts to make an environmental impact in their community and around the world.

**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.**