

**WHEREAS**, for over 35 years, the Area Agency on Aging of Broward County has recognized outstanding Broward senior volunteers, age 60 or older, and their contributions to the community through the Dr. Nan S. Hutchison Broward Senior Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS**, Coconut Creek Resident John Venezia is one of the 2021 awardees elected to be inducted into the Broward Senior Hall of Fame in recognition of his outstanding contributions in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Venezia has devoted his life to serving the transplant community after having his first kidney transplant 35 years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, he is a founding board member of the Transplant Foundation and is the current volunteer Executive Director of the Florida Organ Transplant Association, advocating for patient support, providing organ donation community education, and helping over 3,000 South Florida families; and

**WHEREAS**, he chaired Team Florida for the national Transplant Games/Olympics for over 20 years to encourage transplant recipients to celebrate their second lease on life; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Venezia runs a monthly Broward-based transplant support group and faithfully continued the support group through the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proudly recognizes Mr. John Venezia for his induction into the Broward Senior Hall of Fame for his valued contributions and expresses appreciation for his devoted service to the transplant community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto  
set our hands and caused the seal of the  
City of Coconut Creek to be affixed  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.**