WHEREAS, the Haitian American Nurses Association of Florida Inc. (HANA), a non-profit membership organization, was established in 1984; and

WHEREAS, the mission of HANA is to provide nurses the opportunity to unite as a group, to share and provide ideas of interest, and to become effectively involved with the issues and services relevant to the health and welfare of communities in Florida and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the vision of HANA is to be recognized nationally and internationally as a world-class nursing organization, striving to increase the enrollment of nursing students through education and mentoring opportunities, and continuing to provide scholarships for students enrolled in local nursing schools in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, HANA has organized medical mission trips with nurses, counselors, and nurse practitioner volunteers to care for the victims of Hurricane Matthew, constructing mobile clinics in Haiti to treat and supply medication to thousands of people; and

WHEREAS, HANA partnered with the City of Coconut Creek to collect over the counter medications, diapers, food, clothing, and supplies for the victims of Hurricane Mathew; and

WHEREAS, in December 2016, HANA distributed toys to 2,500 Haitian children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida hereby proclaims February 23, 2017, as

"HAITIAN AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA DAY"

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 February 2017.