WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek is a "green" leader in South Florida, and the City's "green culture" has been recognized nationally; and

WHEREAS, through innovative programs and plans, the City has created a culture of green excellence; and

WHEREAS, the City's green culture has led to the official trademark as the "Butterfly Capital of the World;" and

WHEREAS, Coconut Creek was named the first city in Florida and the eleventh in the United States as a "Community Wildlife Habitat" by the National Wildlife Federation; and

WHEREAS, Coconut Creek was Gold Level-certified as a Florida Green Local Government by the Florida Green Building Coalition in January 2015; and

WHEREAS, Coconut Creek received the "Audubon Green Community Award" from Audubon International; and

WHEREAS, Coconut Creek received the "Better Community Award" from the 1,000 Friends of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Coconut Creek has been awarded the "2016 John Keller Award for an Outstanding Planning Initiative" from the American Planning Association; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to lead with the adoption of the City Green Plan, which guides sustainability for the community for the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, community green events support the City's "green" image and bring awareness of environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, it is the City's intention to highlight Earth Day on April 22 and to hold our annual Arbor Day Free Tree Giveaway Event on April 29 to promote the City's "green" image.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek hereby proclaims April 17-23, 2017, as

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in the City of Coconut Creek and urges all residents to support efforts to protect our environment and address climate change by reducing the demand on the earth's resources and helping to ensure the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands and cause the seal of the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed this 13th day of April 2017.