WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek has long been recognized as a leader in sustainability in South Florida; and

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

WHEREAS, the City's sustainability culture has been nationally-recognized; 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 has been recognized with the "Audubon Green Community Award" from Audubon International; and

WHEREAS, Coconut Creek has been recognized with the "Better Community Award" from the 1,000 Friends of Florida; and

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

WHEREAS, through the City's Vision 2030 process, sustainability and the environment continue to be highlighted as priorities by our community; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to lead with the City Green Plan and the developing Climate Action Plan, which guide sustainability for the community; and

WHEREAS, community sustainability events support the City's sustainable culture 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 Event on April 27 to support the City's commitment to its sustainable culture and initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek hereby proclaims April 21 - 28, 2024, as

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and cause the seal of the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed this 25th day of April 2024.