

WHEREAS, February 14, 2025, marks the seventh year since the tragic loss of life at Marjory Stoneman Douglas (MSD) High School in Parkland, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek is committed to ensuring that the memory of the 17 lives lost is never forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the strength and resilience of the Parkland community and is dedicated to honoring the survivors, families, and community members who were impacted in a meaningful way; and

WHEREAS, this year's annual proclamation for a "Day of Service and Love" in the City of Coconut Creek introduces a new employee volunteer initiative designed to drive positive change with a broader community impact by encouraging and celebrating employee volunteer hours throughout the year, serving as a tangible means for the City to give back to the community in honor of those impacted by the MSD tragedy on February 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, engaging in community service strengthens community bonds and enhances mental well-being by nurturing a sense of purpose and connection, principles that align with the remembrance of MSD and reinforce the mission of the City's Behavioral Health Access Program (BHAP); and

WHEREAS, each February, aligned with the City's "Day of Service and Love" Proclamation, the City will celebrate the positive impact on our community's health and wellbeing, citing hours volunteered and organizations impacted; and

WHEREAS, it is with great compassion and unity that the City declares this "Day of Service and Love" as a day to give back to the community in honor of those impacted by this tragedy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida hereby proclaims February 14, 2025, as a

"DAY OF SERVICE AND LOVE"

in the City of Coconut Creek and urges all residents to join the City and its employees by giving back to the community through participation in school-based activities and service projects in honor of all who were, and continue to be, affected by this crisis.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 13th day of February 2025.**