

**WHEREAS**, the National Scleroderma Foundation’s mission is to advance medical research, promote disease awareness, and provide support and education to people with scleroderma, their families and support networks; and

**WHEREAS**, scleroderma affects approximately 300,000 individuals across the United States, including more than 25,000 people within Florida and Puerto Rico; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive and coordinated health services for people with scleroderma are critically important to achieving positive patient outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, through public awareness, community partners can focus efforts on the needs of people with scleroderma and improved services for those individuals and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 20 years, the annual Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma fundraiser walk has taken place at Tradewinds Park in Coconut Creek, making the City a place of deep significance in raising awareness and critical funds for research and support services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby recognizes June 2026 as

***“SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH”***

in support of the National Scleroderma Foundation and the Florida-Puerto Rico Chapter in their dedication to education, advocacy, and support for those affected with scleroderma and encourages all residents of the City of Coconut Creek to wear teal and participate in scleroderma-related events during the month of June.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto  
set our hands and caused the seal of  
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed  
this 11th day of June 2026.**