

WHEREAS, Autism, or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), is a neurological and developmental disorder that affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn, and behave; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Autism Awareness Month, the City of Coconut Creek continues to promote acceptance of people with autism who are our family members, friends, classmates, co-workers, and community members, as well as to celebrate the valuable contributions they make in our world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek strives to cultivate an inclusive environment where every member of our community feels valued and respected; and

WHEREAS, the Autism Society of Florida, a non-profit 501(c)(3) advocacy organization of people with autism, worked directly with the Parks and Recreation, Fire Rescue, and Police Departments to conduct in-person Autism Awareness training; and

WHEREAS, at least 80% of City personnel in the Parks and Recreation, Fire Rescue, and Police Departments completed the in-person Autism Awareness training; and

WHEREAS, the Autism Society of Florida declares that the City of Coconut Creek has met the requirements, as set forth, to be an Autism Friendly Community.

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

“AUTISM FRIENDLY COMMUNITY”

in recognition of its efforts to foster a community that embraces, respects, and celebrates diverse minds and support individuals impacted by autism in attaining the highest quality of life.

**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 April, 2024.**