WHEREAS, first responders—including 911 dispatchers, law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, search and rescue teams, rescue pilots and divers, emergency management professionals, and other public safety personnel—serve as the foundation of our communities, dedicated to ensuring safety, security, and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek's first responders selflessly serve our community around the clock, responding to emergencies, protecting lives and property, and providing critical aid and support in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, the demands of public safety professions can be physically, mentally, and emotionally challenging, underscoring the importance of prioritizing wellness and ensuring that first responders have access to the necessary resources to support their overall health and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek recognizes the need to foster a culture that promotes physical health, mental well-being, and emotional resilience among first responders, while also reducing stigma around seeking support and encouraging proactive wellness initiatives; and

WHEREAS, we honor the dedication, bravery, and sacrifice of Coconut Creek's first responders, as well as the invaluable support of their families, and acknowledge the critical role that wellness programs and resources play in sustaining their well-being throughout their careers and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to supporting comprehensive wellness initiatives that provide training, resources, and assistance to first responders, helping them maintain not only their effectiveness on the job but also their long-term health and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims the March 24 – 28, 2025, as

"First Responder Wellness Week"

in the City of Coconut Creek to prioritize wellness, not only for the job, but for the longevity and quality of life of our first responders.

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 March 2025.