Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

Loretta Young Day

WHEREAS, Loretta Young was born in 1941 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and raised between Philadelphia and South Jersey, where she developed a strong sense of faith, heritage, and service as a proud member of the Lenape Nation of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, she answered the call to serve our nation by enlisting in the United States Air Force, completing basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, and serving at Travis Air Force Base in California in Administration and Base Personnel, rising to the rank of Airman Third Class (A3C); and

WHEREAS, following her honorable service, Loretta Young devoted herself to a lifetime of leadership and volunteerism through the American Legion, beginning her journey as Post Historian, Service Officer, and Executive Officer, before being elected Commander of American Legion Post 365 in Sunrise in the year 2000, a role she has faithfully held for 25 consecutive years, guiding the Post to become one of the strongest pillars of veteran support and civic engagement in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, Post 365 has thrived as a place of fellowship, remembrance, and advocacy for veterans and their families, while also partnering with schools, youth programs, and community organizations to foster patriotism, leadership, and service among the next generation; and

WHEREAS, beyond her Post, Loretta Young has served as 9th District Commander, Department JROTC/JSSP Chairman, National Legislative Committee Member, National Security Council Member, and Department Legislative Representative, ensuring that veterans' voices are heard at the local, state, and national levels; and

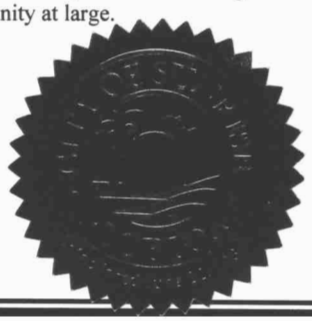
WHEREAS, Loretta Young's contributions extend deeply into the Sunrise community, where she has lived since 2004, serving on the City of Sunrise Veterans Advisory Board since its inception in 2015, the 23rd Congressional Academy Board for 17 years, 10 of those as Chairperson, and as Co-Founder and President of the JROTC Support Association, helping thousands of young cadets grow into leaders; and

WHEREAS, her dedication has been recognized through numerous honors, including being named the City of Sunrise Pioneer Day Recipient in 2022 and her induction into the Broward Senior Hall of Fame in 2015, distinctions that reflect her tireless commitment to veterans, youth, and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, she has generously given of her time to causes ranging from supporting assisted living residents, mentoring female veterans through the Professional Women Veterans Association, organizing fundraisers, and championing initiatives like Mission United, to creating and sustaining nonprofit organizations that continue to uplift veterans and youth alike; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Young is guided by gratitude, optimism, and perseverance, crediting her family, especially her late father, a Philadelphia firefighter for teaching her the importance of duty, compassion, and safety, and cherishing her role as mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Michael J. Ryan, Mayor of the City of Sunrise, Florida, together with the City Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 28th, 2025, as **Loretta Young Day** in the City of Sunrise and urge all to join in honoring Loretta Young for her distinguished service to our nation, her 25 years of extraordinary leadership at American Legion Post 365 in Sunrise, and her unwavering devotion to veterans, youth, and the community at large.



Witness My Hand and Official Seal of
The City of Sunrise, Florida

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Michael J. Ryan, Mayor