Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

World Cancer Day

WHEREAS, cancer is a complex and multifaceted disease that affects millions of individuals and families worldwide, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society approximately 2.1 million new cancer cases are projected to be diagnosed in the U.S. in 2026, which equals about 5,800 new diagnoses every day; and

WHEREAS, World Cancer Day, observed annually on February 4th, is an initiative to raise awareness, improve education, and promote action toward cancer prevention, detection, treatment, and survivorship; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 World Cancer Day theme, "United by Unique," recognizes that every cancer diagnosis and journey is different, shaped by the individual experiences, needs, challenges, and strengths of each patient and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, this theme underscores the importance of personalized, patient-centered, and empathetic care, acknowledging that effective cancer treatment must address not only the disease, but also the emotional, social, cultural, and mental well-being of patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, advances in medical research, early detection, and innovative therapies continue to improve outcomes, yet equitable access to quality care, education, and support services remains essential to ensuring that no one faces cancer alone; and

WHEREAS, communities play a vital role in supporting individuals affected by cancer through compassion, advocacy, education, and collaboration with healthcare providers, caregivers, and nonprofit organizations.

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 February 4th, 2026 as: **World Cancer Day** in the City of Sunrise and encourage all to unite in recognizing the uniqueness of every cancer journey, honoring those currently battling cancer, remembering those lost, and supporting survivors and caregivers; and

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

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Michael J. Ryan, Mayor