Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

Ms. Marie Hautigan Day

WHEREAS, Marie Hautigan has devoted more than 26 years to the field of education, including approximately 20 years with Broward County Public Schools, leaving an enduring impact on students, families, and school communities throughout Broward County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hautigan served with distinction as Principal of Piper High School from July 1, 2019, until her retirement on January 23, 2026, and throughout her tenure demonstrated an unwavering belief that quality education is transformative and opens pathways for students to reach their full potential and strengthens society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, under Principal Hautigan's visionary leadership, Piper High School's performance grade improved by nearly 150 points, reflecting significant advancements in school culture, academic rigor, expectations, and student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Principal Hautigan's commitment to public education and access in education was recognized on a national stage when she was invited to present at the National College Board Symposium, entitled "A Dream Deferred," highlighting the importance of expanding access to advanced academic opportunities for all students; and

WHEREAS, her innovative approach to student engagement and school pride included extensive participation in halftime performances alongside the Piper Bengal Band, dance team, and cheerleaders, efforts that garnered over one million views and brought national attention to Piper High School's vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her exceptional leadership and service, Marie Hautigan was honored as Caliber Principal of the Year in 2023 and her commitment to education and impact on developing community partnerships was recognized by the Greater Sunrise Chamber of Commerce when she received the Sunrise HERO Award in 2023; and

WHEREAS, beyond her professional achievements, Marie Hautigan is a devoted mother of two sons, both graduates of Broward County schools who continued on to graduate from Georgetown University, reflecting her deep personal commitment to academic excellence and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, Marie Hautigan's career includes service as a teacher, magnet coordinator, assistant principal, interim assistant principal, and principal, and her legacy is one of inclusiveness, collaboration, and an unrelenting pursuit of excellence for every student she served; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunrise is deeply grateful to Marie Hautigan for her extraordinary contributions to education, her leadership at Piper High School, and her lasting positive impact on the Sunrise community.

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 10, 2026 as: **Ms. Marie Hautigan Day** in the City of Sunrise and urge all to recognize and commend Marie Hautigan for her distinguished career in education and do extend sincere gratitude and best wishes to her upon her well-earned retirement.



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

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Michael J. Ryan, Mayor