

PROCLAMATION
“Youth Apprenticeship Week”

May 5-11, 2024

REQUESTED BY

VICE MAYOR ALEXANDRA P. DAVIS - CITY OF MIRAMAR

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor has established the inaugural Youth Apprenticeship Week, to be celebrated from May 5-11, 2024, aimed at highlighting the invaluable opportunities provided by registered apprenticeship programs for youth aged 16-24; and

WHEREAS, employers, educators, labor unions, workforce professionals, and partners nationwide are championing registered apprenticeship programs, offering youth the chance to earn competitive wages while acquiring essential training and experience, often with the added benefit of earning college credit; and

WHEREAS, Youth Apprenticeship Week serves as a platform for stakeholders to host events, raising awareness of these transformative opportunities, which not only empower youth but also foster a sustainable pipeline of skilled and diverse talent vital for present and future industries; and

WHEREAS, from 2010 to 2020, a significant number of 16-to-24-year-olds, totaling 389,860, embarked on registered apprenticeship journeys, laying the foundation for prosperous and fulfilling careers; and

WHEREAS, Vice Mayor Alexandra P. Davis spearheaded a youth apprenticeship program in the City of Miramar, designed to equip at-risk youth between the ages of 18-26 with vital trade skills essential for positions such as water treatment plant operator, wastewater treatment plant operator, vehicle mechanic and so much more; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miramar’s Human Resources department actively oversees and supports the youth apprenticeship program, ensuring its alignment with the city’s goals and objectives while fostering a nurturing environment for the participants; and

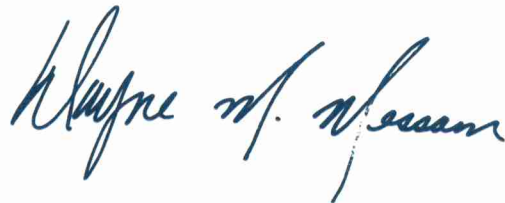
WHEREAS, the City of Miramar recognizes the importance of investing in its youth, providing them with opportunities to develop practical skills and gain meaningful employment, thereby contributing to their personal growth and the economic prosperity of our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WAYNE M. MESSAM, Mayor of the City of Miramar, on behalf of **VICE MAYOR ALEXANDRA P. DAVIS**, and the City Commission, do hereby May 5-11, 2024 as:

“Youth Apprenticeship Week”

in the City of Miramar.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Miramar to be affixed this 1st day of May 2024.



Mayor Wayne M. Messam



Requested by Mayor Michelle J. Gómez

WHEREAS, Broward County’s greatest strength lies in the cultural richness of its people, who proudly celebrate the festive traditions of its vast array of cultures by promoting appreciation and understanding of our uniqueness and rejoice in the many aspects of our similarities; and

WHEREAS, Chinese New Year 2026 falls on Tuesday, February 17th. However, preparations started on February 11th, called Little Year, and celebrations last up to 16 days. The Chinese New Year culminates with the Lantern Festival on the last day, Tuesday, March 3rd; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Chinese New Year is also referred to as Lunar New Year and the Spring Festival, which celebrates change, renewal, and hope. It is a time to spend with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese calendar is based on a lunar calendar, and this is the “Year of the Fire Horse,” the first since 1966. The Fire Horse is considered the most powerful and auspicious animal that represents passion, ambition, and dynamic change. This year falls under the Fire sign of the five elements, representing intelligence, courage, and transformation, and is coupled with it being a Yang Fire year, bringing massive momentum and opportunities for innovation; and

WHEREAS, the Asian-American community has had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work and service; and

WHEREAS, we encourage everyone to celebrate and learn more about the Asian heritage and recognize the valuable contributions of Asian-Americans to our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle J. Gómez, Mayor of the City of Tamarac, Broward County, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, proudly proclaim wishes of good health, luck, prosperity, hope, peace, and much happiness in celebration of:

“HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tamarac to be affixed this 11th day of February 2026.

Michelle J. Gomez

Michelle J. Gómez, Mayor





Requested by Commissioner Krystal Patterson, MPA, FRA-RA

WHEREAS, Acts of Love Corporation is a nonprofit organization founded on compassion and service, dedicated to supporting individuals and families facing socioeconomic hardship; and

WHEREAS, the organization carries out its mission through programs that provide food security, educational support, mentorship, scholarships, and emergency assistance, including financial aid, essential supplies, and access to shelter during times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, Acts of Love Corporation addresses a broad range of community needs through initiatives such as youth leadership development, early childhood literacy programs, maternal and infant care support, celebratory gift programs for children, food stability resources for families, and positive parenting and life skills guidance for caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the organization's Harvest of Love program provides food items and meal support to families in need during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, ensuring households experience stability and care during times traditionally centered on togetherness; and

WHEREAS, through its Gifts of Love program, Acts of Love Corporation provides birthday and holiday gifts to children in need, working closely with elementary and middle school counselors to identify students and families who would benefit most from these meaningful gestures of encouragement and hope; and

WHEREAS, to date, Acts of Love Corporation has served 575 individuals, including 525 recipients who received food bags and gifts and 50 children who received gifts, demonstrating meaningful impact through compassionate and community driven service; and

WHEREAS, Acts of Love Corporation exemplifies the power of community-based service, showing how acts of kindness contribute to stronger and more supportive communities;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Krystal Patterson, on behalf of the Mayor and City Commission proudly recognizes and commends Acts of Love Corporation for their outstanding service, leadership, and dedication to our community and beyond.

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City extends its deepest appreciation to Acts of Love Corporation for their continued commitment to changing lives, one meal, one resource, one moment of hope, and one act of love at a time.

"In Recognition of Compassionate Service and Community Impact"

Commissioner Krystal Patterson, MPA, FRA-RA

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tamarac to be affixed this 29th day of January 2026.

Michelle J. Gomez, Mayor





City of Lauderhill
Proclamation

WHEREAS, Board Certified Chiropractic Physicians contribute significantly to the health infrastructure of the City of Lauderhill by offering patient-centered, non-invasive healthcare services that support injury prevention, functional mobility, pain management, and long-term wellness for residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Douglas is a Board Certified Chiropractic Physician who earned his Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine degree in 1985 from Texas Chiropractic College and subsequently achieved certification in Chiropractic Neurology; and

WHEREAS, since January 1995, Dr. Michael L. Douglas has maintained a chiropractic practice and professional office in the City of Lauderhill, Florida, providing continuous care, wellness services, and trusted medical leadership to residents of the community for three decades; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to Lauderhill extends beyond his office walls through his tireless efforts in public health education, specifically his weekly health program on WAVS 1170 AM Radio, which has empowered listeners with wellness and preventative care knowledge since 1989; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Douglas has served with distinction on the international stage as the Jamaica Olympic Team Chiropractor for the Olympic Games held in Atlanta, United States (1996), Athens, Greece (2004), Beijing, China (2008), and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2016); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Douglas has also served as the Jamaica World Championship Team Chiropractor at numerous international competitions held in Barcelona, Gothenburg, Paris, Beijing, Daegu, Kingston, and the Bahamas, providing elite-level care to world-class athletes; and

WHEREAS, through his professional achievements, long-standing service in the City of Lauderhill, international sports medicine contributions, and commitment to community education, Dr. Michael Douglas has brought distinction to his profession and positively impacted countless individuals locally and globally; and

WHEREAS, this Proclamation has been requested by Vice Mayor Richard Campbell.

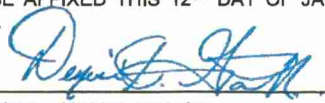
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Denise D. Grant, Mayor, along with Vice Mayor Richard Campbell, and commissioners Sarai "Ray" Martin, Melissa P. Dunn, and John T. Hodgson do hereby proclaim this 12th day of January 2026 as

**DR. MICHAEL L. DOUGLAS, D.C.
APPRECIATION DAY**

In the City of Lauderhill, we call upon all residents to celebrate Dr. Douglas' 30 years of local service and to recognize the essential role chiropractic care plays in promoting a healthy, vibrant community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, TO BE AFFIXED THIS 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026.


DENISE D. GRANT, MAYOR

Proclamation

Issued by the Governing Body of the
Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida

WHEREAS, epilepsy is a brain disorder characterized by recurrent and unprovoked seizures that can affect anyone, at any age, any time; and

WHEREAS, epilepsy is a spectrum disease comprised of many diagnoses, experiences and includes a wide range of seizure types, comorbidities, control, severity, and outcomes varying from person to- person; and

WHEREAS, epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological disorder; approximately 3.4 million people in the United States live with active epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, people with epilepsy need access to affordable, comprehensive, physician-directed and person-centered healthcare; and

WHEREAS, 426,000 Floridians live with epilepsy, including 88,000 children in Florida, and greater education and improved access to care is needed in schools, which can be accomplished by passing a Seizure Safe Schools legislation nationwide; and

WHEREAS, while protections exist in the Americans with Disabilities Act and related civil rights laws, people with epilepsy still encounter discrimination in areas including employment, education, and housing; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy Awareness Month is a nationwide effort in November for Epilepsy Alliance Florida to raise awareness about and changes the conversation around epilepsy, seizures, and side effects, as well as to improve and save lives through care, advocacy, research and new therapies, and public health and education; and

WHEREAS, through action together on Epilepsy Awareness Month and during other awareness initiatives including International Epilepsy Day, Epilepsy Awareness Day, and Brain Awareness Week - and any day of the year - it is important to increase public knowledge about epilepsies and seizure first aid and change the way people think about epilepsy and seizures

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDMUND MALKOON, MAYOR of the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, do hereby proclaim November 2025 as

EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH

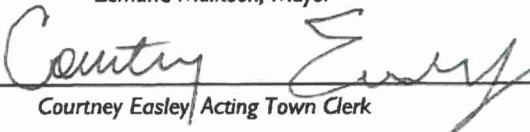
And encourage Lauderdale By-The-Sea residents to take action together and use our brains to overcome the challenges of living with the epilepsies and accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures and save lives.

*In witness wherof we have hereunto set our
hands and caused this seal to be affixed*





Edmund Malkoon, Mayor



Courtney Easley, Acting Town Clerk



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

(Sponsored by Mayor Veronica Edwards Phillips)

Whereas, the formal celebration of Black history was established by Carter G. Woodson, a pioneering historian, educator and author. He is affectionately known as the "Father of Black History." His work laid the foundation for the national observance of Black History; and

Whereas, in 1976, President Gerald Ford established the Black History celebration into a full month during February. He said the country needed to "seize the opportunity" to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area throughout our history. This statement still holds true today; and

Whereas, the celebration of Black History Month affords us the chance to challenge what we learned in history, dig deeper and find out the actual events of the past that were not taught in schools or represented positively through the media.; and

Whereas, the African American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC), one of only two in the United States was built in 2002 to honor this mandate, and to fulfill the vision of Samuel F. Morrison then Director of the Broward County Libraries Division. AARLCC stands as a beacon of knowledge, culture and community empowerment, preserving the rich history, achievements and contributions of people of African descent. AARLCC consciously acknowledges the important roles and historical presence of African Americans in the fabric of the United States. To know the African American story and for Black culture to be represented in proper context is necessary and yes, it matters. Story-telling and accurate representation restores value, honor, and diversity to the larger narrative of American history; and

Whereas, since its founding, the African American Research Library and Cultural Center has served as a vital institution, dedicated to expanding access to literature, archives, art and educational resources that illuminate the African American experience. The Center has become a cultural cornerstone in Broward County and beyond, offering exhibitions, performances, lectures and programs that celebrate heritage, inspire creativity, and foster lifelong learning.

Whereas, AARLCC's extensive collections (over one million items), rare manuscripts, and historical archives ensure that future generations may study, understand, and appreciate the profound impact African Americans have made on local, national, and global history. AARLCC continues to uplift the community by providing inclusive spaces for dialogue, scholarship, artistic expression, and civic engagement.

Whereas, the dedicated staff, volunteers, partners, "Friends of AARLCC, and supporters exemplify a steadfast commitment to education, cultural preservation and public service!

When we honor Black History, we honor American history!

NOW, THEREFORE, I VERONICA EDWARDS PHILLIPS, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES DO, HEREBY RECOGNIZE:

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN RESEARCH LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER

and urge all residents to join me together with Vice Mayor Sharon Thomas, Commissioners Tycie Causwell, Easton Harrison and Karlene Maxwell-Williams, in honoring the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center for its extraordinary contributions to cultural preservation, community enrichment, and the advancement of knowledge.

IN WITNESS THEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Lauderdale Lakes to be affixed this 10th day of February, 2026.

VERONICA EDWARDS PHILLIPS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

VENICE HOWARD, MPA, CITY CLERK



Special Proclamation

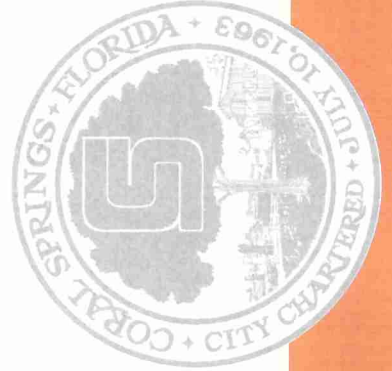
Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month


As colorectal cancer remains the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, we acknowledge the critical importance of prevention, and an opportunity to increase awareness and offer education on the significance of early detection and screening.


The Coral Springs City Commission stands united with healthcare providers, advocacy organizations, and our diverse community in raising awareness about this important public health issue and supporting efforts to increase screening rates to save lives.


Therefore, we, the City Commission of Coral Springs, proclaim March 2025 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Coral Springs.

March 13, 2025





Shawn M. Cerra
Commissioner


Nancy Metayer Bowen
Vice Mayor


Scott J. Brook
Mayor


Joshua Simmons
Commissioner


Joseph McHugh
Commissioner