

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

Civility Month

Whereas, civility is the foundation of a respectful and inclusive society, fostering a spirit of understanding, kindness, and cooperation among all individuals; and

Whereas, acts of incivility have become prevalent in today's complex, competitive society and affect the quality of life for all who live in, work in and visit our City; and

Whereas, the open exchange of public discourse is essential to the democratic system of government; and

Whereas, practicing civility in our words and actions contributes to a stronger, more unified community, promoting peace, dialogue, and mutual respect across differences; and

Whereas, Civility Month serves as a timely reminder of the importance of treating others with dignity, embracing empathy, and encouraging open-minded conversation; and

Whereas, by celebrating Civility Month, we affirm our collective commitment to creating environments—whether at home, in the workplace, in schools, or in public spaces—where all people feel valued, heard, and respected; and

Whereas, displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, and lack of respect and personal attacks detract from the open exchange of ideas, prevent fair discussion of the issues, and can discourage individuals from participation in government; and

Whereas, civility can uplift our daily life and make it more pleasant to live in an organized society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Ryan, Mayor of the City of Sunrise, Florida together with the City Commissioners hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 as **Civility Month** in the City of Sunrise and call upon all to act with civility in their daily lives by listening with empathy, speaking with kindness, and acting with integrity.



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

Michael J. Ryan, Mayor