

*STATE OF FLORIDA
CITY OF OAKLAND PARK*

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Broward Reads campaign focuses on four critical areas including school readiness, chronic absenteeism, family engagement, and preventing the summer learning loss to ensure Broward's children are reading at grade level; and

WHEREAS, these four areas -- are more at risk now than ever -- due to the shift from classroom learning to at-home learning as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Broward Reads campaign is partnering with cities within the County to demonstrate a collaborative approach to making grade level reading a priority within their community and throughout all of Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Park embraces the mission of the Broward Reads campaign to increase child literacy by empowering residents to navigate these unprecedented times with virtual library programming including bilingual storytime, library curbside pick-up, and tips to help parents create a healthy space for students learning at home; and

WHEREAS, we understand that ensuring children are able to read at grade level is the moral responsibility of everyone in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the Charter, does hereby authorize Mayor Matthew Sparks to declare Oakland Park as a Broward Reads City committed to ensuring grade level literacy for all of its children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 7th day of October 2020.

By: _____
MATTHEW SPARKS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RENEE M. SHROUT, CITY CLERK