

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, longtime resident and community leader, Caryl Stevens' Oakland Park roots go back to 1927 when her grandparents settled in Oakland Park; and in 1959 when she and her late husband, Bob Stevens, moved to Oakland Park and shared immense pride in their three children, all raised and educated in Oakland Park; and

WHEREAS, Caryl's belief and dedication to the local public school system was evident early on as an active Parent Teacher Association (PTA) volunteer serving as president multiple times as well as holding PTA leadership positions at the county and state level; and

WHEREAS, Caryl was elected to the Oakland Park City Commission in 1985 and proudly served until 2002 with four terms as Mayor, and as president of the Broward League of Cities in 2001-2002; and

WHEREAS Caryl has a long history of civic activism, and provided thorough and conscientious input, active participation, and exemplary years of service serving on Oakland Park's Planning and Zoning Board for 13 years — 6 years as chair and 6 years as vice chair — in addition to serving on the Board of Adjustment from 2008 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, as the first female member of the Oakland Park Kiwanis inducted March 5, 1992, Caryl's commitment to the community includes serving as president of the membership in 1996 and 1997 and continues today as Membership Coordinator. For many years, she organized the Annual Kiwanis Tennis Tournament at Dillon Tennis Center, the organization's #1 fundraiser. Caryl has been the heartbeat of the Oakland Park Kiwanis from baking pies for their monthly party at Oakland Park's Treemont Assisted Living Center to making "goodie bags" for the homeless; and

WHEREAS, through the years, Caryl was a founding member of Oakland Park Historical Society; Main Street Board, and remains an avid Oakland Park Dillon Tennis Center supporter; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the City recognize Caryl R. Stevens, a Hometown Hero, volunteer and leader for her compassion, generosity and unwavering dedication to the betterment of the City of Oakland Park, which will be realized for years to come.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida by the virtue of the authority vested in it by the Charter does hereby authorize Mayor Jane Bolin to proclaim May 5, 2021 as

CARYL R. STEVENS DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 5th day of May, 2021.

By: _____
JANE BOLIN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK