

STATE OF FLORIDA
CITY OF OAKLAND PARK

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Park was incorporated July 1, 1929 and is celebrating its 92nd birthday. Oakland Park was first known as the City of Floranada in 1925. Three years after the devastating Hurricane of 1926, the city was re-incorporated as Oakland Park. Dewey Hawkins arrived from Live Oak, Florida and as a natural leader pulled the community together and served as the City's first Mayor and continued serving for more than 24 years; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Park is the home of the oldest continuously operating school in Broward County. Oakland Park Elementary School was founded in 1925 on land donated by the East Coast Improvement Company. The school's auditorium designed by architect Thomas D. McLaughlin served as a multipurpose building for the City, provided security for residents during the 1926 hurricane, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, today, covering more than eight square miles, Oakland Park is a diverse mix of over 47,000 residents enjoying special events, beautiful parks and recreation, and quality City services. On July 8th there will be a groundbreaking ceremony on Phase I of City Park. This exciting amenity will provide the community with a new splash pad, playgrounds, and basketball courts; and renovated pickle-ball courts and concession stand. City Park is the first of several redevelopment initiatives funded through a \$40 million bond program aimed at Building Our 2nd Century for families, residents and visitors to enjoy for years to come.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the Charter hereby authorizes Mayor Jane Bolin to proclaim July 1, 2021 as

CITY OF OAKLAND PARK
92ND BIRTHDAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 16th day of June 2021.

BY: _____
JANE BOLIN, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK