

*STATE OF FLORIDA
CITY OF OAKLAND PARK*

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, truth and reconciliation is important in our efforts to build a better community and a stronger nation. Learning the history of racism in the community and country and talking about the effects of racial bias is crucial to eliminating continuation of the inequities that exists and today, we take this step to acknowledge a great tragedy that occurred in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 1935, Rubin Stacy, an African American tenant farmer knocked on the door of the home of Marion Jones, a white woman of Fort Lauderdale, and asked for a drink of water. He was accused of threatening her with a small knife. Mr. Stacy was arrested. While being transported to Dade County Jail, the car was run off the road after a high-speed chase by a mob. Mr. Stacy was removed and taken to a place close to the Jones' home. Mr. Stacy was lynched by the mob according to the sheriff. The five officers that accompanied Mr. Stacy testified they did not know any of the people who lynched him since they wore masks. The grand jury made no indictments and no arrests; and

WHEREAS, the Emmett Till Antilynching Act of 2022 was signed into law March 29, 2022 as an overdue correction to the tragic failures of past judicial, legislative and executive bodies who mocked the rule of law and tolerated the brutal torture and lynching of Rubin Stacy, Emmett Till and more than 4,500 others between 1877 and 1950 — making lynching a federal hate crime; and

WHEREAS, City of Oakland Park of Oakland Park stands in solidarity with local, national and global anti-racist and anti-lynching efforts to acknowledge, dismantle and heal the systemic wounds of injustice, inequity and inhumanity caused by racial terror — and is committed by supporting the City's Diversity Ambassadors and to build a more inclusive City for Oakland Park families, residents and visitors.

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 Michael E. Carn to proclaim July 20, 2022 as

RUBIN STACY REMEMBRANCE 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 July 20, 2022.

BY: _____
MICHAEL E. CARN, MAYOR

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