STATE OF FLORIDA
CITY OF OAKLAND PARK

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Paralyzed Veterans of America is a congressionally chartered veterans service organization founded in 1946, to ensure paralyzed veterans receive the benefits earned through their service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, Paralyzed Veterans of America celebrates its 80-year anniversary serving the needs of America's veterans with spinal cord injuries and disorders, and diseases, and delivers service to all veterans free of charge, thanks to the generous support of donors and fundraising activities; and

WHEREAS, since 1956, the Paralyzed Veterans of America Florida Chapter, a nonprofit organization, has provided unparalleled support through specialized healthcare, advocacy, and recreation programs across South Florida designed to foster independence, empowerment, and community to ensure the unique needs of paralyzed veterans live with dignity, respect, and the highest quality of life possible; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we honor these veterans for the great sacrifice they made for their country, and praise them for the courage, determination, and perseverance they demonstrate daily in facing the difficult challenges of their disabilities; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of April, Paralyzed Veterans of America will highlight the unique challenges veterans with spinal cord injury or disease face and how people can get involved to help.

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 Steven R. Arnst to proclaim the month of April 2026

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage the citizens of Oakland Park to honor our paralyzed veterans, who personify the highest ideals of service to country, sacrifice of self, and perseverance in overcoming adversity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 14th day of April, 2026.

BY:_____
MAYOR STEVEN R. ARNST

ATTEST:

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RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK