

**IN RECOGNITION OF
HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM DAY
JANUARY 17, 2018**

- WHEREAS:** NATURAL AND MAN-MADE EMERGENCIES CAN OCCUR AT ANYTIME AND ANYWHERE, AND THREATEN LIFE AND PROPERTY; AND
- WHEREAS:** RESIDENTS MUST BE PREPARED TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME DURING ALL EMERGENCIES; AND
- WHEREAS:** RESIDENTS WHO ARE TRAINED IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION, LIGHT FIRE SUPPRESSION, BASIC FIRST AID, SEARCH AND RESCUE AND OTHER BASIC LIFE-SAVING SKILLS MAY PROVIDE VALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO FIRST RESPONDERS DURING AN EMERGENCY; AND
- WHEREAS:** THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD DEPENDS ON TRAINED PUBLIC SAFETY VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST ITS POLICE DEPARTMENT, FIRE RESCUE AND BEACH SAFETY DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WITH IMPORTANT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE DUTIES; AND
- WHEREAS:** 2018 MARKS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEGINNING OF THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) PROGRAM IN CALIFORNIA AND THE PROGRAM HAS SINCE BEEN ADOPTED BY COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES; AND
- WHEREAS:** 2018 MARKS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEGINNING OF HOLLYWOOD'S CERT PROGRAM; AND
- WHEREAS:** SINCE HOLLYWOOD'S CERT PROGRAM INCEPTION, HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS OF HOLLYWOOD AND OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN BASIC LIFE SAVING SKILLS; AND
- WHEREAS:** HOLLYWOOD'S CERT VOLUNTEERS PLAYED CRITICAL ROLES IN ASSISTING THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD DURING HURRICANE MATTHEW IN OCTOBER 2016 AND HURRICANE IRMA IN SEPTEMBER 2017 INCLUDING CONDUCTING WELFARE CHECKS ON VULNERABLE RESIDENTS, TRANSPORTING RESIDENTS TO SHELTERS, CLEARING STORM DEBRIS FROM PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY, AND PERFORMING DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS THROUGHOUT HOLLYWOOD; AND
- WHEREAS:** HOLLYWOOD'S CERT MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WILLING AND READY TO ASSIST THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD WHEN NEEDED; AND
- THEREFORE:** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JANUARY 17, 2018, AS:

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM DAY

IN HOLLYWOOD IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF EVERY HOLLYWOOD CERT MEMBER'S SACRIFICE, ALTRUISM AND DEDICATION.

SIGNED THIS 17th DAY OF
JANUARY 2018, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR DEBRA CASE
COMMISSIONER PETER D. HERNANDEZ
COMMISSIONER TRACI LYNN CALLARI
COMMISSIONER RICHARD S. BLATTNER
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN
COMMISSIONER LINDA SHERWOOD