IN RECOGNITION OF CHOOSE PEACE – STOP VIOLENCE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 20-27, 2019

- WHEREAS, VIOLENCE AND RISKY BEHAVIORS HAVE BECOME A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND SOCIETY AT LARGE, WITH GREAT IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WELL-BEING AND FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN; AND
- WHEREAS, SINCE 2010, THE CHOOSE PEACE STOP VIOLENCE INITIATIVE HAS WORKED WITH PARTNERS, COMMUNITIES AND YOUTH TO ADDRESS THE TERRIBLE REALITY OF YOUTH VIOLENCE. THE INITIATIVE IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT LED BY THE UNITED WAY OF BROWARD COUNTY, THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY AND THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY; AND
- WHEREAS, BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS KICKS OFF EACH SCHOOL YEAR WITH A FOCUS ON CREATING A SAFE AND VIOLENCE FREE ENVIRONMENT WHERE PEACE AND INCLUSIVENESS ARE CELEBRATED. THIS YEAR'S CHOOSE PEACE – STOP VIOLENCE WEEK MOBILIZES SCHOOLS AND YOUTH LEADERS AS CATALYSTS FOR CHANGE; AND
- WHEREAS, HOLLYWOOD HILLS HIGH SCHOOL CONTRIBUTED WINNING ARTWORK POSTERS, WITH ACTIVITIES THAT INCLUDE PEACE AWARENESS IN SEPTEMBER CREATING A CHAIN OF POSITIVE DIALOG; AND ANTI-BULLYING MONTH CREATING AWARENESS BANNERS THAT WILL BE USED IN SCHOOL TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON PROMOTING KINDNESS AND RESILIENCE; AND
- WHEREAS, THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD IN COORDINATION WITH NUMEROUS LOCAL PARTNERS, HAS JOINED TO SUPPORT CHOOSE PEACE - STOP VIOLENCE WEEK AS AN ANNUAL WEEK OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AIMED AT PREVENTING OR REDUCING YOUTH VIOLENCE OF ALL KINDS WHILE PROVIDING SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES WITH TOOLS, RESOURCES, AND INSPIRATION TO LAUNCH AN ONGOING CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE YOUTH VIOLENCE IN BROWARD COUNTY; NOW
- **THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 20-27, 2019 AS CHOOSE PEACE – STOP VIOLENCE WEEK.

SIGNED THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019 AT HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY VICE MAYOR TRACI L. CALLARI COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM COMMISSIONER PETER D. HERNANDEZ COMMISSIONER RICHARD S. BLATTNER COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN COMMISSIONER LINDA SHERWOOD