

RESOLUTION NO. 23-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE 2023 JCC MACCABI GAMES® & ACCESS WHICH SHALL BE HOSTED BY THE DAVID POSNACK JCC AND WILL TAKE PLACE AUGUST 6-11, 2023 AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT BROWARD COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the JCC Maccabi Games® are an Olympic-style sporting competition held each summer in North America and is the largest organized sports program for Jewish teenagers throughout the world;

WHEREAS, the first North American JCC Maccabi Games® were held in 1982 with 300 athletes. Today, over 7,500 teens, ranging from 12 to 16 years of age, participate in the JCC Maccabi Games® each summer. The Games are co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center Association of North America, Maccabi World Union, Maccabi Canada, and Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel.

WHEREAS, the JCC Maccabi ACCESS Games is a unique program for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities, ranging from 12 to 22 years of age.

WHEREAS, this week-long, multi-sport event will utilize venues throughout Broward County that will include Nova Southeastern University, FLA Live Arena, Broward County Parks & Recreation facilities, Broward County Public Schools facilities, and Municipal Recreation facilities. The sports competitions include

baseball, basketball, dance, flag football, ice hockey, soccer, swimming, table tennis, tennis, star reporter, & volleyball.

WHEREAS, Cooper City's support of the JCC Maccabi Games® & ACCESS includes a fee waiver for the use of certain fields at the Suellen H. Fardelman Cooper City Sports Complex.

WHEREAS, in addition to competitive events, the Games will also: create exceptional opportunities for teens to assume leadership roles and to engage in meaningful charitable activities through JCC Maccabi Cares®; develop future community leaders; provide inclusion and social opportunities; strengthen family and community relationships; showcase local tourist attractions; and create community building opportunities with law enforcement agencies and municipal/county governments.

WHEREAS, the JCC Cares program is an integral part of the JCC Maccabi Games® & ACCESS experience as this unique program allows the athletes to participate in various hands-on community service projects. The JCC Cares program incorporates the highly valued American concept of community service and is closely tied to the fundamental Jewish practice of *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world), which obligates us to make a difference in the lives of others who may be less fortunate than ourselves.

WHEREAS, this monumental endeavor requires the commitment of more than 1,500 volunteers; giving of their time and opening their homes, allowing thousands of Jewish teenage athletes to engage in athletic competition and community service over the course of five days.

WHEREAS, the hosting of the 2023 JCC Maccabi Games® & ACCESS will create a lasting legacy throughout South Florida and make a meaningful difference in the lives of our children.

WHEREAS, the hosting of the 2023 JCC Maccabi Games® & ACCESS will have a positive economic boost for the businesses in Broward County with an estimated economic impact for South Florida businesses, tourism and entertainment in the amount of 4 million dollars that includes 4,000+ hotel night stays.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COOPER CITY COMMISSION OF COOPER CITY, FLORIDA:

Section 1: Legislative Findings/Recitals. The above recitals are hereby adopted by the City of Cooper City as its legislative findings relative to the subjects and matters set forth in this Resolution.

Section 2: The City of Cooper City and the City Commission hereby supports the efforts of the David Posnack Jewish Community Center to host the 2023 JCC Maccabi Games® & ACCESS and urges other Broward municipalities, the Broward League of Cities, the School Board of Broward County, the Broward County Commission and the Broward Legislative Delegation to support the 2023 JCC Maccabi Games® & ACCESS.

Section 3: The City Clerk of Cooper City is hereby directed to provide copies of this Resolution to the David Posnack Jewish Community Center, the Broward League of Cities, the Broward Legislative Delegation, Broward County municipalities, the Broward County Commission, the School Board of Broward County and any other appropriate parties.

Section 4: Conflict. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5: Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, it is the intent of the City Commission that such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application and, to this end, the provisions of this Resolution are declared severable.

Section 6: Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____ A.D., 2023.

ATTEST:

Greg Ross, Mayor

CITY CLERK

Roll Call:

Mayor Ross _____

Commissioner Green _____

Commissioner Shrouder _____

Commissioner Katzman _____

Commissioner Mallozzi _____

CITY ATTORNEY