

# Office of the City Commission

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Richard Hodgson has demonstrated unwavering dedication and exemplary commitment to public safety, beginning with his service in the United States Air Force; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Hodgson maintained his lifelong dedication to public safety through a 26-year career in law enforcement, including the most recent six years serving as a School Resource Officer at Cooper City Elementary School; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Hodgson consistently exceeds his official responsibilities by undertaking initiatives and projects that improve both the safety of the school and the community, including organizing events such as Taylor's Teddy and coordinating safety enhancements, such as the installation of custom-made security film tints designed to safeguard students and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Hodgson, alongside his wife, successfully launched the Letters to Santa program and the Santa Mailbox located in the Cooper City District Lobby; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Hodgson is a certified RAD Kids instructor leading the children's self-defense program each summer; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Hodgson's willingness to give back and his proactive spirit have made him an invaluable part of both the Cooper City schools and the greater community; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Hodgson has been far more than a police presence at Cooper City Elementary, serving as a mentor, role model, and steady source of support for students, staff, and families alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes to formally acknowledge and commend Deputy Hodgson's exemplary service and contributions to public safety in Cooper City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, James Curran, Mayor of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, and the City Commission, do hereby proclaim January 29, 2026 as:

### **Deputy Richard Hodgson Day**

in the City of Cooper City and extend our greatest wishes for a happy, healthy retirement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, to be affixed on this 29th day of January 2026.

**James Curran**  
**Mayor, City of Cooper City**