

Office of the City Commission

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, Robert D. Becker was born on November 19, 1962 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Robert D. Becker attended Florida International University earning a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1987; and

**WHEREAS,** Rober D. Becker began his career as a teacher at Pembroke Pines Elementary in 1987 and then transferred to Sea Castle Elementary in 1991; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert D. Becker furthered his education at Florida International University, earning a Master of Science in Educational Leadership in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Robert D. Becker became the Assistant Principal of Driftwood Elementary in 1995 and Principal of West Hollywood Elementary in 1998; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert D. Becker was appointed Principal of Embassy Creek Elementary in Cooper City, Florida in 2002, leading the school to earn an A-rating 17 times; and

WHEREAS, Robert D. Becker was known as a "true teacher's principal" who always stood behind his teachers and staff under challenging circumstances, earning him nominations as Principal of the Year for Broward County Public Schools on multiple occasions; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert D. Becker created memorable experiences for his students and inspired multiple generations of young people as a teacher and administrator for 37 years, including the last 22 years in Cooper City; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert D. Becker was the epitome of the word "fighter," battling cancer for more than 12 years, undergoing multiple treatments, surgeries, and trials with a positive attitude; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert D. Becker loved running, golfing, and cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers while wearing black and yellow during his free time; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert D. Becker was the devoted husband of Dina and father to Aimee and Brian, always putting his family first; and

WHEREAS, Robert D. Becker passed on January 27, 2024, resulting in Cooper City losing an amazing friend, leader, and person.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ROSS,** Mayor of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, and the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the **19<sup>th</sup> day of November** as **Robert D. Becker Day** in the City of Cooper, Florida and encourage everyone to wear yellow on this date and take part in a random act of kindness in perpetuity.

**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 **13**<sup>th</sup> **day of February 2024**.

GREG ROSS Mayor, City of Cooper City