



Office of the City Commission

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Kate Kaplan's journey in Cooper City began at the age of four when she embarked on her swimming career in our Learn to Swim program; and

WHEREAS, Kate quickly progressed to join the Cooper City Cyclones, where she achieved numerous accolades and became a cherished member of our aquatic community; and

WHEREAS, at a young age, she transitioned from being a participant to a mentor, volunteering with our Water Safety Instructors to teach other children the vital skill of swimming; and

WHEREAS, by her senior year of high school, Kate had become a lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor, embodying the values of leadership and dedication; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her remarkable achievements in the pool, Kate excelled academically. She graduated from Cooper City High School, Class of 2022, ranked 12th in her class with a weighted GPA of 5.05. As a member of the National Honor Society and President of the Key Club, Kate led various outreach and volunteer campaigns, demonstrating her commitment to making a positive impact in our community; and

WHEREAS, Kate's journey took an unexpected turn when she was diagnosed with cancer; and

WHEREAS, despite the challenging diagnosis, she faced her battle with courage, resilience, and unwavering determination. Throughout her treatment, Kate inspired others with her strength and positivity, even with the odds stacked against her; and

WHEREAS, Kate passed away on May 23, 2024, at home surrounded by family; and

WHEREAS, Kate leaves behind a legacy of resilience, inspiring future generations to face challenges with courage and determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ROSS, Mayor of the City of Cooper City, Broward County, Florida, and the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the **21st day of September** as **Kate Kaplan Day** in the City of Cooper, Florida and encourage everyone to 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 **27th day of August 2024**.

GREG ROSS
Mayor, City of Cooper City