## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has designated May 1-7, as Youth Week to honor America's Junior Citizens for their accomplishments, and to give fitting recognition of their services to the Community, State and Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892 will sponsor an observance during that week in tribute to the Junior Citizens of this Community; and

**WHEREAS**, no event could be more deserving of our support and participation than on dedicated to these young people who represent the nation's greatest resource, and who in the years ahead will assume the responsibility for the advancement of our free society; and

**WHEREAS**, our Youth need the guidance, inspiration and encouragement which we alone can give in order to help develop those qualities of character essential for future leadership; and go forth to serve America; and

**WHEREAS**, to achieve this worthy objective we should demonstrate our partnership with Youth, our understanding of their hopes and aspirations and a sincere willingness to help prepare them in every way for the responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge offers programs, services, and events to help encourage and support our young people including: scholarships for local high school students, scholarships for students to attend summer camp at the Florida Elks Youth Camp, Santa's Workshop, Annual Hoop Shoot competition, Drug Awareness program, Graduation and Award lunch for 6th grade students, provide stuffed animals to the GCS Police Department to be given to children in time of distress, and much more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of Green Cove Springs hereby recognizes the first week of May as Youth Week and urges all departments of government, civic, fraternal and patriotic groups, and our citizens generally, to participate wholeheartedly in its observance.

Section 2. A true copy of this Proclamation shall be spread upon the Official Minutes of the City Council of the City of Green Cove Springs.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 16TH DAY OF APRIL, 2024.





Constance W. Butler, Mayor	
ATTEST:	
Erin West, City Clerk	