

Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892
P.O. Box 127
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
April 2, 2024

Erin West, CMC, City Clerk
City of Green Cove Springs
321 Walnut Street
Green Cove Springs, FL

Hello—

Please find attached a request for a Proclamation to recognize Elks National Youth Week which will be observed May 1st through May 7, 2024.

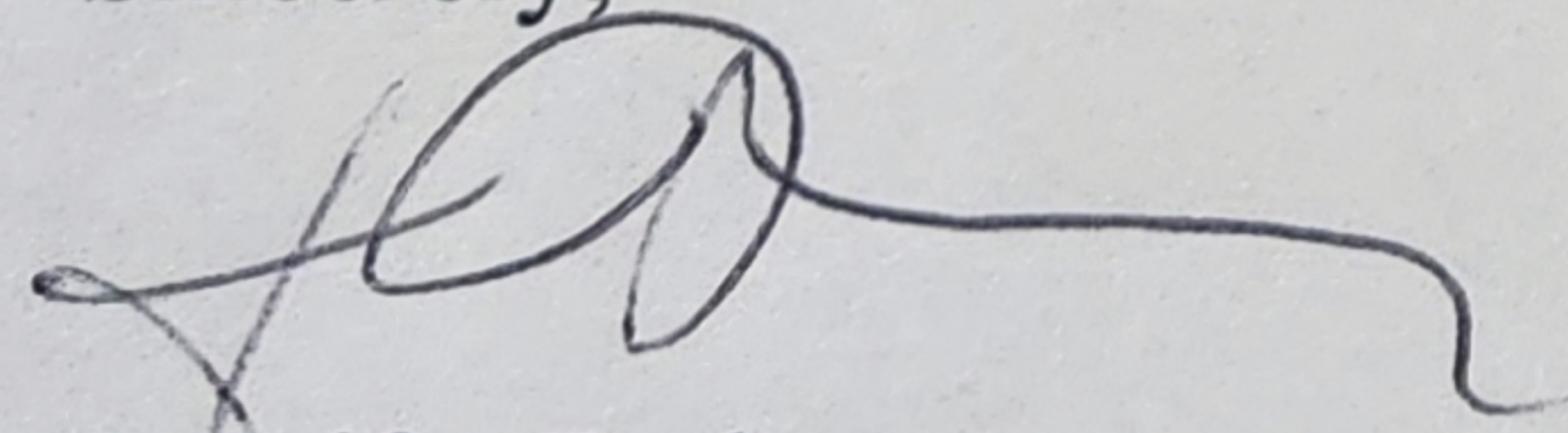
Our Lodge wishes to receive the Proclamation at our National Youth Week Observance on Wednesday, May 1. We would be honored if the Mayor could attend and read the Proclamation at the start of the event.

We would also like to invite the Mayor to be our guest at dinner which starts at 5:30 PM and will precede the reading of the Proclamation at 6:15 PM. (We have limited parking and recommend the Mayor arrive by 5 PM.)

Following the Proclamation, the Elks will be presenting the JROTC Youth Award to a local NJROTC student who will be selected by their instructor for having proven themselves to be a true leader in Academic Achievement as well as Community Service Projects, and one who maintains the highest standards of performance in all fields of endeavor. We will also be presenting 12 book bags with school supplies to the GCS Head Start Administrator for their students moving up to Kindergarten at the end of the school year.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Parker
Exalted Ruler Elect and Yourh Activities Chair
GCS Elks Lodge #1892
(904) 891-7092 Cell



**CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS
PROCLAMATION, LETTER OF HONOR,
AND KEY TO THE CITY
APPLICATION FORM**

Return completed form to the City Clerk's Office
City of Green Cove Springs, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Requestor's Name: Jennifer Parker / GCS ELK's Lodge #1892

Requestor's Address: P.O. Box 127, Green Cove Spr., FL 32043

Requestor's Telephone and Email: 904-891-7092 / ms.jennifer.parker@gmail.com

Person/Organization to be Honored: Junior Citizens of Our Community

Event Title: ELKs National Youth Week Observance

Event Date, Time & Location: Wed., May 1 at 5:30 PM

GCS ELKs lodge, 702 S. Orange Ave., GCS, FL 32043

Type of Honor Requested:

Proclamation Letter of Honor Key to the City

Provide a detailed reason for the request including a list of accomplishments and how the individual/organization benefits the quality of life in the City of Green Cove Springs. For Proclamations, provide a sample Proclamation or text for the "WHEREAS" clauses (attach additional sheets, if necessary):

(Please see attached documents.)

The Offices of the Mayor and City Clerk reserve the right to use submitted facts as deemed appropriate and may request additional information when necessary.

Reason for the Proclamation Request:

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks have designated the first week of May (May 1st-7th) as Elks National Youth Week to celebrate America's Junior Citizens for their accomplishments and to give recognition of their services to the community.

The BPOE believes that young people of all ages need guidance, inspiration, and encouragement to help them develop those qualities of character essential for future leadership. BPOE programs enrich the lives of our young people and help prepare them for the duties and opportunities of citizenship.

Throughout the year, the Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge #1892 works to encourage and support our young people. Some of the programs, services, and events offered by the GCS Lodge include:

- Scholarships for local High School Students;
- Scholarships for students 9-13 to attend Summer Camp at the Florida Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla;
- Annual Hoop Shoot competition;
- Santa's Workshop in support of the City's mission to give our children a Merry Christmas;
- Annual Community Baby Shower to benefit new mothers in our community;
- Drug Awareness Program and Red Ribbon Week Campaign;
- Graduation and Award Luncheon for 6th grade Charles E. Bennet students each May;
- Annual Comfort Campaign to provide stuffed animals to the GCS Police Department to provide comfort to children in distress;
- Elks Read, a new literacy initiative where Elks visit the local Head Start once a month to read to our youngest citizens;
- And much more!

The Elks also donate funds in support of local Youth Programs like Special Olympics, Challenge Enterprises, and the Clay High Cares Boutique.

At our Elks National Youth Week observance on May 1, we would be honored and thrilled if the Mayor would be able to attend and read this Proclamation. It is our hope that this proclamation will spotlight the need in our community to help prepare our youth in every way for the responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship.