

Proclamation

Honoring Mrs. Elea A'Giza-Dean

WHEREAS, Elea A'Giza-Dean grew up in Los Angeles (Watts), California, where the value of community was fostered in her at an early age, mainly due to her involvement in sports; and

WHEREAS, she received a full athletic scholarship in women's basketball, at San Jose State University. After graduating in 2002, Mrs. A'Giza-Dean began her life journey with her family; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, she was afforded an opportunity to work for the Los Angeles County Probation Department, as a Detention Services Officer. In this role, she worked with at-risk youth from diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Mrs. A'Giza-Dean and her family moved to Pahokee, Florida, in search of a more stable and safer environment to raise her sons. This move eventually led to employment with the Florida Department of Corrections, in Belle Glade, Florida, where she served six (6) years and had an epiphany that there was a different purpose for her life; and

WHEREAS, remembering her core values, Mrs. A'Giza-Dean sought and obtained employment with the City of Pahokee, as Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, in 2013. In this capacity, she spearheaded the return of Pahokee's Youth Track Team, after being dormant for over seven (7) years, as well as implemented and lead a community fitness club; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. A'Giza-Dean also served as Senior Code Enforcement Officer and Program Director, respectively, before ending employment with the City of Pahokee, in June 2023; and

WHEREAS, she has impacted many lives in the Glades community, in the forms of friendships, coaching, mentoring, supervising, and volunteering, and she holds every encounter dear to her heart.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor of the City of Pahokee, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, hereby honor Mrs. Elea A'Giza-Dean for 10 years of service with the City of Pahokee, and encourage the residents to show their appreciation.

In official recognition whereof, I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Pahokee to be affixed this 26th day of September 2023.



Keith W. Babb, Jr.

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