

Proclamation

Richard "Captain Tadpole" Brown



WHEREAS, Richard A. Brown, endearingly known as "Tadpole", is a lifelong resident of Pahokee, Florida; and

WHEREAS, he served in the United States Coast Guard, where he received his endorsement for assistance towing on January 22, 2004; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2004, Richard became a licensed U.S. Merchant Marine Officer, which granted authorization for him to operate uninspected passenger vessels upon inland waters and to engage in commercial assistance towing; and

WHEREAS, Richard worked as the Operations Manager for Everglades Adventure RV and Sailing Resort, and was the first certified African American Captain on Lake Okeechobee. He was known professionally as "Captain Tadpole" and as a resident expert; and

WHEREAS, our community has a continuing sense of gratitude for his service and knowledge.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor of the City of Pahokee, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, hereby honor Richards A. Brown for his service 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 7th day of November 2022.

Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Clara Murvin

Vice Mayor Clara Murvin

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Commissioner Juan Gonzalez

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