



**PROCLAMATION
IN MEMORIAM
OF THE 1928 OKEECHOBEE HURRICANE**

WHEREAS, in the early hours of September 17, 1928, the “Okeechobee Hurricane,” or the “San Felipe Segundo Hurricane” as it had been called when the same storm hit Puerto Rico, came ashore at West Palm Beach, and struck the Eastern coastline of Florida as what today is known as a Category 5 storm, causing devastation throughout its path; and

WHEREAS, nearly 3,000 people, mostly non-white migrant workers, died when the storm surge broke the earthen dike on the south side of Lake Okeechobee, flooding an area covering hundreds of square miles, and spread over Belle Glade, Chosen, Pahokee, South Bay, and Bean City; and

WHEREAS, a year after the disaster the Okeechobee Flood Control District was created to work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to build the Herbert Hoover Dike, along with thousands of miles of man-made canals to help manage water overflow from Lake Okeechobee.

NOW, THEREFORE I, TROY MCDONALD, Mayor of the City of Stuart, Florida, do hereby

**HONOR IN MEMORIAM THOSE PIONEERS WHO LOST
THEIR LIVES IN THE DISASTROUS 1928 OKEECHOBEE HURRICANE**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart to be affixed this 12th day of September, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Troy McDonald", is written over a horizontal line.

TROY MCDONALD
MAYOR