

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Pahokee recognizes the importance of community collaboration, compassion, and coordinated response during times of hardship and uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, following the displacement of residents from the Parker Building, numerous governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, community partners, and elected officials came together to provide essential assistance, resources, advocacy, and support to affected residents; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County and partnering agencies played a critical role in coordinating emergency resources and connecting displaced residents to immediate assistance, including temporary Airbnb accommodations, ensuring residents had safe shelter while permanent housing solutions were identified; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County Community Services and partnered agencies provided continued support through case management, housing assistance, resource coordination, and supportive services that assisted residents in transitioning from temporary accommodations into permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pahokee recognizes the dedication and commitment of more than thirty-five (35) agencies and organizations, including but not limited to **211 Palm Beach and Treasure Coast, Florida Rural Legal Service, Palm Beach County Water Utilities, Palm Beach County Community Services Department, Palm Beach County Division of Senior Services & Veteran Services, Palm Beach County Schools and School Board Members, Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office (PBSO), Palm Beach County Fire Rescue/Emergency Services, Palm Beach County Administrator and Office, Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), Office of Community Revitalization, People of Purpose, Families First, Federation of Families, Transitional Living Program (TLP), Bridges Community Partners, Crossing Bridges, The Glades Initiative, The Homeless Coalition, South County Mental Health, CAP Government, Gulfstream Goodwill Industries (GGI), Representative Meg Weinberger and Office, Mayor Sara Baxter and Office, Senator Gayle Harrell and Office, the City Commission and Staff of the City of Belle Glade, the City Commission and Staff of the City of South Bay, and the City Commission and Staff of the City of Pahokee**, for their compassion, partnership, and unwavering commitment to serving residents of the City of Pahokee; and

WHEREAS, the collective efforts of these organizations demonstrate the strength of partnership and the positive impact created when communities unite to support residents in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor of the City of Pahokee, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission and residents of the City of Pahokee, do hereby recognize and honor **all supporting agencies and partners** for their outstanding service, dedication, and commitment to assisting Parker Building displaced residents.

In official recognition whereof, I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Pahokee to be affixed this 23rd day of June 2026.

Keith W. Babb, Jr.

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Vice Mayor Isabelle J. McDonald

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