

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Pahokee Middle-Senior High School Robotics Program has established a legacy of excellence in STEM education by empowering students through the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) and FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) programs, fostering innovation, engineering, coding, teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving skills; and

WHEREAS, since 2016, the program has consistently earned local, regional, state, and national recognition, including multiple tournament championships, innovation, robot design, and performance awards, four consecutive FIRST LEGO League Florida State Championship appearances, invitations to national competition, and numerous FIRST Tech Challenge State Championship qualifications; and

WHEREAS, through the Stepping Up STEM in Pahokee initiative and the support of dedicated mentors, educators, volunteers, and community partners, students have gained access to advanced technology, industry experiences, scholarships, internships, and college and career pathways that continue to expand opportunities for the youth of Pahokee; and

WHEREAS, during the 2025–2026 season, the program continued its tradition of excellence with Team 21922 Dynamics earning the FIRST Tech Challenge FUN League Inspire Award – Third Place and a bid to the Florida FIRST Tech Challenge State Championship, Team 16333 Mechatrons qualifying for the State Championship as a member of the FUN League Winning Alliance, Team 16724 Bender Bots receiving the FUN League Think Award, Team 23812 Rising Phoenix earning the FUN League Control Award, Team 31423 Mechamotion receiving the FUN League Connect Award – Second Place, and Team 40688 earning the FIRST LEGO League Robot Design Award; and

WHEREAS, the Pahokee Middle-Senior High School Robotics Program continues to inspire future engineers, innovators, and leaders while serving as a source of pride for the City of Pahokee and demonstrating the extraordinary talent and potential of its students.

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 commend the **Pahokee Middle-Senior High School Robotics Program**, its students, coaches, mentors, volunteers, and community partners for their outstanding achievements, unwavering commitment to excellence, and lasting contributions to education, innovation, and opportunity within our community.

In official recognition whereof, I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Pahokee to be affixed this
11th day of August 2026.



Keith W. Babb, Jr.

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