

**CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROCLAMATION**

***WHEREAS**, in March 1922, Pahokee was officially incorporated as a city and is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; and*

***WHEREAS**, being first known as East Beach, and then Ridgeway Beach, Pahokee took the Seminole name for the Everglades, Pahokee, meaning “grassy waters”; and*

***WHEREAS**, during the hurricane of 1928, hundreds of Pahokee residents survived by taking shelter in the Pahokee High School, which is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Pahokee is the birthplace of Rickey Jackson, former American football linebacker inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and the home of country music star, Mel Tillis, who was raised in Pahokee, and others who have been enriched by Pahokee’s leaders and neighbors; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Pahokee is the only city that has direct access to Lake Okeechobee and the City’s marina is a destination location for tourists from around the country, environmentalists and fishing enthusiasts; and*

***WHEREAS**, as of the 2020 United States census, there were 5,524 people and 1,860 households making the City their home residence; and*

***WHEREAS**, the City of Pahokee is the first City in western Palm Beach County to have the privilege of celebrating 100 years to its citizens; and*

***WHEREAS**, residents of Palm Beach Gardens and visitors to the Sunshine State celebrate Pahokee as a vital community in the State of Florida and recognize its opportunities for the future.*

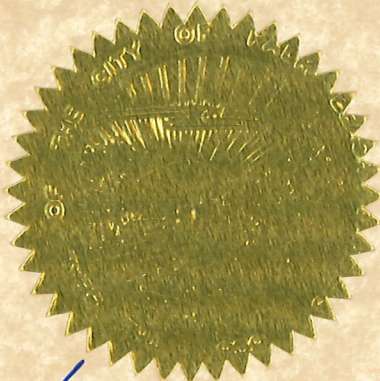
***NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rachelle A. Litt, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, do hereby announce and honor the*

**CITY OF PAHOKEE’S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION YEAR**

*and bestow congratulations as the City of Pahokee celebrates 100 years on March 26, 2022, embracing the past, celebrating the present, and building a future for the next generation.*

Attest:

  
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Patricia Snider, CMC, City Clerk



***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, to be affixed on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.*

  
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Rachelle A. Litt, Mayor