

Proclamation
Honoring the Survivors
Storm of 1928

Whereas, The Okeechobee hurricane of 1928 (San Felipe Segundo hurricane), also known as the Storm of 1928, was one of the most devastating hurricanes in the recorded history of the North Atlantic basin and greatly affected our beloved Glades community to which over 2,500 lives were lost of which 1,600 victims were buried in mass graves. Many other victims were found on September 30, 1928; and

Whereas, On this day, Friday September 16, 2022, the City of Pahokee celebrate a time-honored tradition in the Glades community and pay tribute to those who lost their lives during this catastrophic event and honor the surviving citizens who weathered the storm, Ethel Williams, Lucille Salvatore Heron, and Iris Salvatore Hodges ; and

Whereas, Ethel Williams who was born in Tyty, Georgia and moved to Pahokee, FL where she lived before moving to the Village of Indian Town where she currently resides with a host of family and friends ; and

Whereas, Ethel Williams kept her deep connection to the City of Pahokee as a long-standing and faithful member of the New Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Pahokee, FL.; and

Whereas, Lucille Salvatore Heron who is a proud resident of the City of Pahokee for several decades and has been a productive member of society; and

Whereas, Lucille Salvatore Heron bravery and courage to tell her family's story will forever be an inspiration for generations to come ; and

Whereas, Iris Salvatore Hodges who is a life-long resident of the City of Pahokee and has been an inspiration to survivors and women alike has contributed in more ways then one while sharing her story and serving as inspiration to many women alike ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, on behalf of the City Commission and the Citizens of Pahokee, that by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Pahokee do hereby extend this Proclamation of Recognition to Ethel Williams, Lucille Salvatore Heron, and Iris Salvatore Hodges in honor of the lives they have impacted through their will to live.

"Thank you Ethel Williams, Lucille Salvatore Heron, and Iris Salvatore Hodges for being an inspiration to us all. "

Pass and Adopted this 27th day of September, 2022

Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Clara Murvin

Vice Mayor Clara Murvin

Juan Gonzalez

Commissioner Juan Gonzalez

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