

Proclamation



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WHEREAS: The City of Pompano Beach is proud to recognize young leaders whose courage, compassion, and determination inspire others throughout our community; and

WHEREAS: Sydney Salas has demonstrated extraordinary strength and resilience after being diagnosed in 2021 with Chiari Malformation Type I, a serious neurological disorder in which brain tissue extends into the spinal canal, often causing severe headaches, dizziness, balance issues, spinal complications, and other life-altering symptoms; and

WHEREAS: despite undergoing major decompression brain surgery at a young age, Sydney transformed her personal journey into a mission of hope and advocacy for children and families affected by Chiari Malformation; and

WHEREAS: Sydney and her family founded "Chiari's Little Warriors," a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting children living with Chiari Malformation through education, outreach, advocacy, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS: Chiari's Little Warriors has helped increase public awareness of this rare neurological condition and has provided encouragement and support to families navigating the challenges associated with Chiari Malformation; and

WHEREAS: the organization's annual "Walk for Chiari" event, held in the City of Pompano Beach at the Pompano Beach Airpark, has become an important community gathering dedicated to raising awareness, promoting education, and fostering unity among individuals and families impacted by Chiari Malformation; and

WHEREAS: the 2026 Walk for Chiari is scheduled for September 19, 2026, and continues the organization's important mission of bringing visibility to Chiari Malformation while strengthening support networks for affected families; and

WHEREAS: Sydney Salas has been recognized throughout the community for her advocacy and leadership, including being named the 2025 Winterfest® Jr. Captain in recognition of her courage, compassion, and dedication to helping others.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, REX HARDIN, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby recognize and honor Sydney Salas for her courage, advocacy, and outstanding efforts to raise awareness of Chiari Malformation and extend sincere appreciation for her commitment to supporting children and families through the work of Chiari's Little Warriors.

DONE this 9TH day of June, 2026.



Rex Hardin
Mayor