

WHEREAS: The young people of Pompano Beach represent the future leaders of our community, and their development is vital to the continued prosperity and well-being of our city; and

**WHEREAS:** many young people require professional youth services to assist them in reaching their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens; and

**WHEREAS:** The Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County have been a beacon of hope and opportunity for young people for 60 years, since their founding in 1965, providing a safe and supportive environment where youth can thrive; and

**WHEREAS:** The Thomas D. Stephanis Club, established in 1975, has served the Pompano Beach community as a vital part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County, contributing to the organization's efforts to serve an average of 12,000 youth, ages 6 to 18, each year; and

**WHEREAS:** The Boys & Girls Clubs are places where great futures begin, building a formula for impact that focuses on academic success, character and leadership, healthy lifestyles, and life and workforce readiness; and

**WHEREAS:** The Boys & Girls Clubs' outstanding results include a 97% high school graduation rate among members, with 92% expected to graduate on time and 88% pursuing higher education; and

**WHEREAS:** The Boys & Girls Clubs provide life-enhancing programs that cultivate skills and character, while fostering meaningful relationships with caring adult professionals, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and belong; and

**WHEREAS:** in 2025, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County will celebrate National Boys & Girls Club Week alongside over 5,400 Clubs and more than three million young people nationwide, highlighting their ongoing commitment to youth development.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Rex Hardin, Mayor, of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the week of June 23rd through June 27th, 2025, as Boys & Girls Club Week in the City of Pompano Beach, and encourage all citizens to join in recognizing and commending the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County for their invaluable service to the youth of our community for the past 60 years.

DONE this 24th day of June, 2025.

