

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS:** the first Monday in March, has been designated as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day; and

**WHEREAS:** COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) is an illness caused by a virus that can transmit from person to person and has spread across the world, creating a global pandemic that is having catastrophic effects on human life, our community, and our economy; and

**WHEREAS:** to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, observance of public health orders to social distance and stay at home have created challenges for small businesses, workers, and schools which are working to comply with limited resources; and

**WHEREAS:** school districts, teachers, students, and parents are grappling with the challenges of distance learning and working to prevent any potential learning loss due to not being in-person; and

**WHEREAS:** local and state governments, health departments, and public servants have taken bold actions to protect residents, support struggling local economies, and find innovative ways to provide services; and

**WHEREAS:** in response to rapid spread of COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders, essential workers have stepped up to provide critical services to help protect our communities and save lives, sacrificing their own health and safety; and

**WHEREAS:** each life lost to COVID-19 mattered and leaves a hole in the hearts of loved ones, family members and surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS:** public health guidance and policies targeted at prevention, such as social distancing, wearing masks in public, and staying home help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, prevent illness and lessen the burden on individuals and society.

**NOW, THEREFORE I,** Rex Hardin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, support the designation of the first Monday in March as

## **Covid-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day**

in remembrance of those who have lost their lives and in honor of those who continue to suffer from the impact of this virus and to commemorate them in an appropriate manner each year on that day.

**DONE** this 22nd day of February, 2022.



Rex Hardin  
MAYOR