

WHEREAS: The Blanche Ely High School boys' basketball team has demonstrated extraordinary skill, determination, and teamwork throughout the 2024-2025 basketball season, culminating in their triumph as the 2025 Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Class 5A state champions; and

WHEREAS: on March 7, 2025, the Blanche Ely Tigers secured the Class 5A state title with a hard-fought 44–38 victory over Ponte Vedra High School marking the program's ninth state championship – the most of any high school basketball program in Broward County and its first state title since 2019; and

WHEREAS: this outstanding championship season is a testament to the exemplary leadership of Principal Tavarus Williams, who has fostered a culture of academic and athletic excellence at Blanche Ely High School, providing unwavering support to the students and coaches; and

WHEREAS: under the guidance of Head Coach JR McNabb, in his first year as head coach, the team exemplified perseverance and unity, with Coach McNabb skillfully guiding the Tigers to a state championship in his debut season; and

WHEREAS: each member of the Blanche Ely High School boys' basketball team has shown remarkable dedication, hard work, and sportsmanship, representing their school and the City of Pompano Beach with pride and bringing honor to the community through their accomplishments; and

WHEREAS: the success of the Blanche Ely Tigers has brought great pride and positive recognition to the City of Pompano Beach, inspiring future generations of student-athletes to strive for excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Rex Hardin, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, FL, on behalf of the City Commission do hereby congratulate and commend the Blanche Ely High School Tigers boys' basketball team on their 2025 FHSAA Class 5A state championship victory. We urge all residents to join in recognizing and celebrating the outstanding achievements of these student-athletes and the contributions of Head Coach JR McNabb and Principal Tavarus Williams, whose leadership and dedication have brought honor to our community.

DONE this 25th day of March, 2025.

Rex Hardin Mayor