

Proclamation



WHEREAS: the 57th Annual Greater Pompano Beach Lighthouse Point and Margate Chamber of Commerce's Pompano Beach and Lighthouse Point Holiday Boat Parade Presented by Joey Accardi Chrysler Dodge Jeep and Ram is the oldest, continuous boat parade in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS: the Pompano Beach Holiday Boat Parade, a hometown tradition, represents family and recreational boating at its best; and,

WHEREAS: this year we are honoring *Special Olympics Florida – Broward County*; and

WHEREAS: the Pompano Beach Holiday Boat Parade has been a community project involving the City of Pompano Beach, Lighthouse Point, Hillsboro Beach and Deerfield Beach, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Sail and Power Squadrons, the Broward Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol, the Marine Industry Association, and the Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS: this year's Grand Marshal for the Holiday Boat Parade is Special Olympics Florida – Broward County, whose mission is to provide year-round sports training and competition to children and adults 8 years of age and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community. Our athletes are also invited to participate in Athlete Leadership and the Healthy Athletes programs, Special Olympics Florida – Broward County, currently is offering 21 different sports, plus Motor Activity Training for Young Athletes. Special Olympics Broward is able to serve 6,278 athletes throughout Broward County with 1,051 people from our community giving their time to volunteer each year. The ultimate objective of Special Olympics Florida is to help people with intellectual disabilities participate as productive and respected members of society at large, by offering them a fair opportunity to develop and demonstrate their skills and talents through sports training and competition, and by increasing the public's awareness of their capabilities and needs; and

WHEREAS: boat owners, residents and businesses light up and decorate along the parade route from Lake Santa Barbara to Hillsboro Boulevard for the enjoyment of all who attend.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rex Hardin, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, do hereby proclaim Friday, December 13, 2019, as:

POMPAÑO BEACH LIGHTHOUSE POINT HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE DAY
in Pompano Beach, Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I urge residents to *Light up the Night* by decorating their vessels, residences and seawalls along the parade route, and joining the well-wishers along the Intracoastal Waterway, Given under my signature and the seal of the City of Pompano Beach this *12th day of November, 2019.*



Rex Hardin, Mayor