

Proclamation



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

- WHEREAS:** the Pompano Beach Fire Rescue Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was formed twenty-seven (27) years ago, in 1996; and
- WHEREAS:** CERT is a national volunteer program created to engage the community to prepare for, respond to and recover from any emergency situation or disaster; and
- WHEREAS:** the Pompano Beach CERT program educates residents about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, terrorism awareness and disaster medical operations; and
- WHEREAS:** as of 2023, it is recognized that Mr. Fred Balestrieri, has provided twenty-five (25) years of volunteer service to the Pompano Beach Community Emergency Response Team; and
- WHEREAS:** during his many years of service since he started in the program in 1998, Mr. Fred Balestrieri has selflessly given of himself to the CERT program through endless hours of community outreach and education events, acting as a HAM Radio Operator and as one of the program's first CERT Zone Leaders; and
- WHEREAS:** Pompano Beach CERT volunteers remain a valuable resource dedicated to making our community safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation or disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rex Hardin, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby acknowledge Mr. Fred Balestrieri for his dedication and commitment to the City of Pompano Beach. He has continually demonstrated his willingness to place his concern for his fellow man and the public good ahead of his personal interests.

DONE this 26th day of September, 2023.



Rex Hardin
MAYOR