



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 13, 2019, marked a tragic day in the history of Palm Coast when Curtis Gray, a promising senior at Flagler Palm Coast High School, was senselessly killed, robbing our community of a bright and compassionate young leader; and

WHEREAS, Curtis Gray exemplified a spirit of compassion by initiating a peer-to-peer support group aimed at providing counseling and therapy to his peers, thereby demonstrating his commitment to the well-being of his fellow youth; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of this tragedy, Curtis Gray's mother, Carmen Gray, founded the non-profit organization Live Like Curtis: Rise Above the Violence, dedicated to promoting social and emotional wellness among youth affected by violence through education, support, and community resources; and

WHEREAS, Live Like Curtis has worked tirelessly to implement crisis training, violence intervention strategies, and mental health support programs for youth and families impacted by trauma, thereby striving to create a safer and more resilient community for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Palm Coast, Florida that April 13, 2024, be declared as:

RISE ABOVE THE VIOLENCE DAY

and urges all citizens to join together in remembrance of Curtis Gray and commit ourselves to fostering a culture of peace, empathy, and resilience as we strive to build a safer and more compassionate community for us all.

SIGNED this 16th day of April 2024.

ATTEST:

CITY OF PALM COAST, FLORIDA

Kaley Cook, City Clerk

David Alfin, Mayor