



PROCLAMATION

"Safe Storage Month"

WHEREAS, the City Commission is firmly committed to the reduction and prevention of gun violence in the City of North Lauderdale and Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of Broward County has provided significant leadership in gun violence prevention through community education and creation of their *Lock It Up!* Gun safety program; and

WHEREAS, 40,000 Americans are killed by guns each year, 100,000 more are shot and injured, and 2/3 of all gun deaths are suicides; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a national epidemic costing the lives of 6,000 Veterans each year and is a leading cause of death for first responders. Most suicides are impulsive and while 90% of survivors will not attempt suicide again, access to a gun triples the risk of death and is the most lethal method of suicide; and

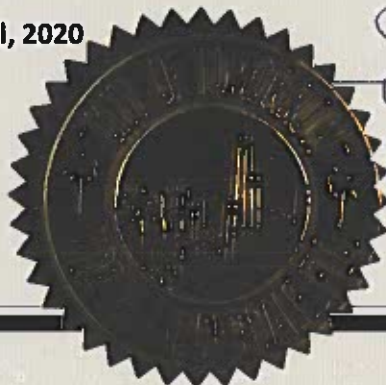
WHEREAS, 4.5 million children live in homes with unlocked guns, and 3 out of 4 know where the gun is located, and 1 in 3 admit to handling the gun without permission. In Florida, a child is shot every 17 hours on average. Nearly 1,500 minors are killed by guns each year and three million are directly exposed to gun violence, causing lasting trauma, PTSD, and decreased potential; and

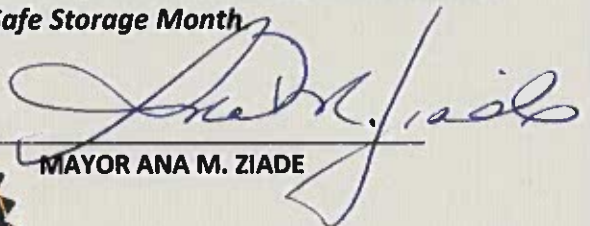
WHEREAS, in Florida a gun is stolen every 26 minutes on average, fueling crime. Responsible firearm storage at home and in vehicles would reduce gun theft and crime; and

WHEREAS, gun violence costs Floridians \$14 billion dollars each year, a sum which could be significantly reduced with responsible firearm storage.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of North Lauderdale City Commission enthusiastically supports the mission of *Lock It Up!*, and the League of Women Voters of Broward County Gun Safety Committee by encouraging safe storage of firearms to protect children, prevent suicide, and reduce crime and designates the month of May as *Safe Storage Month*

Dated this 28th day of April, 2020




MAYOR ANA M. ZIAIDE