

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, During 2020-21, the City received, for the tenth time, a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management according to the Government Finance Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, for the 2020-21 year the City of Lake Wales received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, the GFOA established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program (Budget Awards Program) in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department staff, notably Jacqueline Curtis, worked very hard to improve the presentation of our city budget that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting; and

WHEREAS, to earn this recognition, budget documents must meet program criteria and excel as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communication tool; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Abbott Finance Director, and the Finance Department Staff did an outstanding job preparing and completing the 2021-2022 budget in a timely, transparent manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eugene Fultz, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lake Wales, in the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim **September 21, 2021 as**

FINANCE DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Lake Wales, Florida to be affixed this **21st day of September, 2021**.

Mayor/Commissioner