

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, Joseph Lunsford was born and raised in Lake Wales; and

*WHEREAS*, Joseph has always been there to help the Lake Wales Police Department to raise awareness for Special Olympics Florida and his fellow athletes; and

*WHEREAS*, Through the years, Joseph has participated in Special Olympics sports such as track, softball, basketball, bowling, golf, and bocce; and

*WHEREAS*, once involved with bocce, it soon became one of Joseph's favorite sports; and

*WHEREAS*, Joseph has earned a spot on Florida Bocce Team and is headed to the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando; and

*WHEREAS*, The Lake Wales Police Department has participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run campaign for ten years, raising awareness and funds for Special Olympics Florida and our local Special Olympics athletes; and

*WHEREAS*, Joseph has been a part of this program from the beginning by helping with visits to local Publix stores, thanking them for their support; working Tip A Cop events at our local restaurants, and has spoken to our officers promoting the payroll deduction fundraiser for Special Olympics Florida; and

*WHEREAS*, Team Florida is comprised of over 500 athletes/unified partners from across the state and will be competing in all 19 sports being offered at the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games.

*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 **October 5, 2021 as**

## ***JOSEPH LUNSFORD RECOGNITION DAY***

and encourage interested citizens to support Joseph and Team Florida.

*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 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

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Mayor/Commissioner