

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, This year, 2022, is the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Father's Day as a holiday in the United States; and

*WHEREAS*, On April 11, 2022 Governor Ron DeSantis signed House Bill 7065 which designated June as "Responsible Fatherhood Month" in the State of Florida and with the unanimous support of both the Florida House and Senate; and

*WHEREAS*, HB 7065 provides \$70 million to strengthen Fatherhood in Florida including \$18.4 million to non-profits focused on mentoring fathers; and

*WHEREAS*, For the last 40 years the percentage of children born into unmarried homes has more than doubled in the US with attendant increases in homelessness, poverty, and imprisonment; and

*WHEREAS*, Families with responsible fathers in the home do better in every standard used to measure social, spiritual, emotional, and economic well-being; and

*WHEREAS*, Today we celebrate Fathers supporting young people throughout our community to become better citizens.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Jack Hilligoss, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lake Wales, in the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim **June as**

## ***RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD MONTH***

and encourage interested citizens to participate in the support of this worthwhile effort.

*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 **7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022**.

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Mayor/Commissioner