RESOLUTION 2019-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A LAKE WALES YOUTH COUNCIL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LAKE WALES BRANCH OF THE NAACP

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that our young people are exposed to government and have the opportunity to develop interests, knowledge, and awareness of each citizen's responsibilities of civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, cultivating the desire for involvement in, and service to, our community is essential for the future of Lake Wales; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Wales desires to establish a Youth Council program in partnership with the Lake Wales Branch of the NAACP to begin in the fall of 2019 to facilitate the education of our youth in matters of local government;

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Youth Council of Lake Wales is established to encourage young people to become engaged with their local government, receive mentoring from City officials, perform community service for the benefit of Lake Wales residents, advise local government officials on the issues that face young people in our community, and learn about local government and the importance of civic participation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA, that:

- 1) The Lake Wales Youth Council program be established; and
- 2) The Mayor is authorized to appoint as many members as he deems appropriate.
- 3) The Youth Council, in conjunction with the City Clerk and City Attorney, shall adopt such bylaws as are necessary for its effective operation including but not limited to eligibility for membership, meeting schedule, quorum and officers.

THIS RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the City Commission of the City of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida at its regular meeting on October 15, 2019.

Eugene L. Fatt

Eugene L. Fultz, Mayor/Commissioner City of Lake Wales

ATTEST:

City Clerk