

**PROCLAMATION OF
THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING THE CROWNED PEARLS OF WELLINGTON AND THE WELLINGTON
ROTARY CLUB ON THEIR HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS AND SUPPORT TO THE
WELLINGTON COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, The Crowned Pearls is an official interest group aiming to become a fully recognized chapter of the international organization Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the nation's oldest sorority for African American women; and led by Wellington resident and President Jenny Hassell is a new community service organization that strives to make a positive impact in Wellington, Royal Palm Beach, The Acreage, Loxahatchee Groves, suburban Lake Worth, and Westlake, through a variety of local causes. The Crowned Pearls have been instrumental in assisting Wellington's Community Services Department with the Students Working to Achieve Greatness (SWAG) program; and;

WHEREAS, The Wellington Rotary Club is celebrating its 40th year in Wellington. Led by President David Berns, Wellington Rotary Club members are part of a 1.2 million national and international Rotary member community, striving to create a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change; and Wellington Rotary Club members are neighbors, leaders, and problem-solvers, who are making a difference in our community through acts of service, goodwill, and leadership. The Rotary Club works annually with the Village to host the Race for the Red and Blue (First Responders 5k Run/Walk) and the International World Peace Day Ceremony.

WHEREAS, The Crowned Pearls of Wellington and the Wellington Rotary Club have volunteered at Wellington's Feeding South Florida Weekly Distribution since it began on May 5, 2020. The two groups provide 10-12 volunteers, who work tirelessly each Tuesday morning for 2-3 hours to load bags of meat, produce, and other food items into 900 vehicles, stacked in two double-sided lanes; and thanks to the hard work and dedication of these volunteers, Wellington residents receive enough food to feed a family of four, for one week. Now, more than 21 weeks into the distribution, volunteers from the Crowned Pearls of Wellington and the Rotary Club have handed out nearly 13,000 vouchers to those in need in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Council of the Village of Wellington, Florida hereby recognizes The Crowned Pearls of Wellington and The Wellington Rotary Club for their humanitarian efforts, donation of time, resources, knowledge, and dedication in serving the residents and for the betterment of the community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of Wellington, Florida to be affixed this 22nd day of September 2020.

ATTEST:

WELLINGTON, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Chevelle D. Addie, Village Clerk

BY: _____
Anne Gerwig, Mayor