PROCLAMATION
GRANDPARENTS DAY
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

WHEREAS, Grandparents Day has been celebrated in the United States since 1978. Marian McQuade of West Virginia founded National Grandparents Day. She made it her goal to educate youth in the community about the significant contributions that seniors made throughout history. It was also her hope to have the youth "adopt" a grandparent, not just for one day a year, but rather for a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Grandparents Day is celebrated on the Sunday following Labor Day and honors the love only grandparents can provide. The day's purpose: "…to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children, and to help children become aware of strength, information, and guidance older people can offer"; and

WHEREAS, grandparents and their grandchildren share a special bond. These hugging, caring and patient people in the lives of children offer more than a generous dose of love. Grandparents provide an abundance of wisdom, guidance and stability; and

WHEREAS, when grandchildren need a story, grandparents tell the best. A grandparent's wealth of family history and lore offers lessons of their own. Through humorous stories and some serious ones, grandparents gently point grandchildren in the right direction; and

WHEREAS, as the number of grandparents grows from 65 million in 2011 to 80 million in 2020, expect the observance to increase in significance, too.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL J. MEIER, Mayor of the City of Stuart, Florida do hereby proclaim September 13, 2020, as

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in the City of Stuart, Florida and encourages grandchildren to spend time and cherish their grandparents by learning about their lives and asking questions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart, Florida to be affixed this 14th day of September, 2020.

ATTEST:

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MICHAEL J. MEIER
MAYOR