## Office of the Mayor City of Wilton Manors Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Broward Reads campaign is a collaborative initiative between community stakeholders including the School Board of Broward County, Broward County, and the Children's Services Council of Broward County, the United Way of Broward County, among many other community partners; and

WHEREAS, the Broward Reads campaign focuses on four critical areas including school readiness, chronic absenteeism, family engagement, and preventing the summer learning loss to ensure Broward's children are reading at grade level; and

WHEREAS, the Broward Reads campaign is partnering with cities within the county to demonstrate a collaborative approach to making grade level reading a priority within their community and throughout all of Broward County; and

WHEREAS, a Broward Reads City identifies key community stakeholders that can work together to make significant improvements in early literacy; and

WHEREAS, a Broward Reads City commits leading public officials to support the Broward Reads Campaign; and

WHEREAS, a Broward Reads City commits to designating a city liaison to attending the Broward Reads Campaign for Grade Level Reading's bi-monthly meetings; and

WHEREAS, we understand that ensuring children are able to read at grade level is the moral responsibility of everyone in the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Justin S. Flippen, Vice Mayor of the City of Wilton Manors, Florida declares that it is a Broward Reads City committed to ensuring grade level literacy for all of its children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Wilton Manors, Florida to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

JUSTIN S. FLIPPEN, VICE MAYOR