

City of Boynton Beach

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the late Congressman John Lewis spent his entire adult life fighting for justice in our society following the nonviolence example set by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge to fight for Black Voters and Voters of Color to participate in America's electoral process and the enactment of the 1965 Voting Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, the late Congressman John Lewis left us with the charge that "together you can redeem the soul of our nation"; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed H.R. 1- For the People Act which will expand the rights of all voters and apply to all federal elections including those held at the same time as state elections; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives renamed H.R. 4 John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act in honor of Congressman Lewis after his death; and

WHEREAS, over one hundred and fifty nonpartisan organizations have come together to hold a John Lewis National Day of Action on May 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2021 there will be one hundred and thirty-seven "votercades" across the country to ignite public support for restoring the effectiveness of the Voting Rights Act through S1 and HR 4; and

WHEREAS, the late Congressman John Lewis said that "the vote is the most powerful change agent you have in a democratic society".

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steven B. Grant, Mayor of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim the 8th day of May, Two Thousand Twenty-One as:

John Lewis National Day of Action

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida, to be affixed at Boynton Beach, Florida, the 4th day of May, Two Thousand Twenty-One.

Steven B. Grant, Mayor

ATTEST:

Crystal Gibson, MMC, City Clerk