

Proclamation

REQUESTED BY
COMMISSIONER DALE V.C. HOLNESS
BROWARD COUNTY

WHEREAS, On January 19, 2021, President Donald Trump commuted his 2020 conviction, Kodak Black rehabilitating himself, paying his debts to society, admitting and taking responsibility for all of the actions and behavior attributing to his juvenile and adult criminal record while committing himself to a righteous and law-abiding future; and

WHEREAS, Kodak Black is using his platform as a Grammy-nominated rapper from Pompano Beach, FL to improve the wellbeing of humankind by preventing and solving social problems, especially in his hometown of Broward & neighboring Palm Beach County, Kodak Black has agreed to be mentored by Broward County District 9 Commissioner & FY2020 Mayor Dale V.C. Holness; and

WHEREAS, since 2018 Kodak Black has donated a years' worth of diapers, underwear and socks to the Jack & Jill Children's Center, sponsored and donated tens of thousands of dollars for local community events to distribute 1,000 turkeys for Thanksgiving, as well as over \$20,000 in toys and money for charities, religious organizations and individual families for Christmas; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Kodak Black donated 625 reading comprehension books to students from 1st to 5th grade in Broward County to offset COVID's effect on learning. In 2019, Kodak Black also donated \$12,500 to provide pencils and notebooks to every student in one of Texas' low-income districts. In 2018, Kodak Black's \$10,000 donation to Jack & Jill's Children Center helped build a new facility for early childhood education and childcare for families unable to afford it; and

WHEREAS, Kodak Black's philanthropic efforts also include a \$10,000 donation towards the construction of a Jewish religious center in Fort Lauderdale, a donation to cover the funeral costs of fallen Florence County, South Carolina officer Terrence Caraway, contributions to the pre-paid college funds for the three children of the two FBI agents murdered in the process of locally executing a warrant and anonymous contributions toward the \$2.7 million "Amazing Grace Park: Clementa Pinckney Memorial" in Marion, S. Carolina in remembrance of the Honorable South Carolina State Senator; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2021 Kodak Black announced a \$100,000 scholarship to the NSU Shepard Broad College of Law for students pursuing careers in criminal justice and prison reform in honor of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Senior Meadow Pollack and the sixteen others who tragically lost their lives that day; and

WHEREAS, Kodak Black was born Dieuson Octave on June 11, 1997 to Haitian immigrant Marcelene Octave in Pompano Beach, FL where he attended Blanche Ely High School; and

WHEREAS, The Lippman Youth Shelter is a short term crisis runaway shelter for troubled and abused children from 12 years old to 17 years old and Kodak Black will provide a charitable donation in the amount of \$5,000; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

That the Board hereby designates, **Friday, June 11, 2021**, as a day in Broward County, Florida to encourage and support the philanthropic endeavors of **Kodak Black**.

June 11, 2021

Date



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Holness".

Mayor