

The City of West Palm Beach

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the National Pink Tie Organization (NPTO) has as its mission to bring men together to support the fight against cancer. Its vision is for every man to wear a pink or fuchsia tie nationwide to raise awareness, educate and empower the community about cancer; and

WHEREAS, the National Pink Tie Organization brings awareness to our community through Chefs Against Cancer. These are busy professionals who volunteer to stand beside fellow chefs and their immediate family members who are facing one of the most stressful times in their lives. Historically, chefs have shown great compassion to others. The very word "restaurant" is derived from the French word "restaurer," which means "to restore;" and

WHEREAS, few things are better for both the body and the soul than a well-crafted, sublimely prepared, and lovingly presented meal. Chefs deserve our recognition and appreciation. But there are times when a chef may need an extra measure of kindness. NPTO chefs have made the commitment that their colleagues will not be alone when the going gets tough; and

WHEREAS, "Isaac" was a great executive chef in an excellent restaurant when he was diagnosed with colon cancer. He tried to focus on the thing he loved most. "I tried to cook my way through the pain. That's what gave me the love I needed each day. Nothing was better for me than seeing the joy on peoples' faces as they ate my food," Isaac said. "But after a while, I just didn't have the strength to cook any more. There was no more glory, no sunshine. My life became very dark after that." As Isaac grew ill, the support and assistance from the restaurant and culinary community faded. Isaac soon passed away. Sadly, he simply did not have the resources or support to help him through his illness. He had wished to attend the Chefs Appreciation Day at least one time to meet others who understood his challenges; and

WHEREAS, because chefs and their families need us now, the National Pink Tie Organization is partnering with local restaurants and the culinary community to bring awareness about Chefs Appreciation Day on the third Saturday of August; and

WHEREAS, above all else, Chefs Appreciation Day is for giving back to those who have already helped so many others realize how truly wonderful a happy, healthy life can taste; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Palm Beach calls on our local chefs, physicians, nutritionists, and fitness trainers to promote healthy living and cooking, in support NPTO's Chefs Appreciation Day.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeri Muoio, Mayor of the City of West Palm Beach, do hereby proclaim, Saturday, August 16, 2014 as:

CHEFS APPRECIATION DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of West Palm Beach, Florida to be affixed this 16th day of, August 2014.



Jeri Muoio

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Mayor