

Proclamation

WHEREAS, according to records maintained by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), between 1882 and 1968, approximately 4,743 people, mostly black Americans, were lynched in the United States of America, and of these, 282 were known to have occurred in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the records further reveal that Rubin Stacy, a 29-year-old black American male, a husband, father, laborer, and resident of Broward County, was lynched in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on July 19, 1935; and

WHEREAS, there are various reports with conflicting accounts as to the allegations by a white woman who lived on Old Davie Road, now known as Davie Boulevard, just southwest of 31st Avenue, which led to Mr. Stacy's arrest and ultimate lynching; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stacy was killed near the accuser's home, was left hanging from a tree while nearly 1,000 people went to see his mutilated body, and his death certificate lists "lynching by mob" as a contributing cause of death and the principal cause of death was a "broken neck and gunshot wounds through the heart;" and

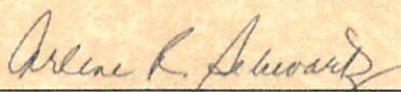
WHEREAS, it is evident from all accounts and the record that Mr. Stacy was denied justice at the hands of a lynch mob; and

WHEREAS, the City of Margate Commission is grateful to the City of Fort Lauderdale City Commission. Their 2021 Resolution to recognize and memorialize Rubin Stacy brings awareness and education to the injustice and negative impacts surrounding acts of lynching, racial injustice, and social inequality by designating the segment of Davie Boulevard (State Road 736) between Interstate 95 ("I-95") and U.S. Highway 441 ("US-441"), also known as State Road 7, with the secondary street name of "Rubin Stacy Memorial Boulevard" in an effort to encourage the search for truth and reconciliation that leads to real solutions to contemporary problems.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Arlene R. Schwartz, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim

OUR APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT FOR THIS RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be
affixed this 7th day of July 2021.



ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ, MAYOR

Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio, Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Joanne Simone