

WHEREAS, world population stands today at more than 6.1 billion and increases by some one billion every 13 years; and

WHEREAS, the most significant feature of the 20th century phenomenon of unprecedented world population growth was rapid urbanization; and

WHEREAS, cities and urban areas today occupy only 2% of the earth's land, but contain 50% of its population and consume 75% of its resources; and

WHEREAS, the most rapid urban growth over the next two decades is expected in cities with populations ranging from 250,000 to one million; and

WHEREAS, along with advantages and amenities, the rapid growth of cities leads to substantial pressure on their infrastructure, manifested in sanitary, health and crime problems, as well as in deterring the provision of basic social services; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of national and environmental severity, nations must redouble voluntary and humanitarian efforts to stabilize their population growth as sustainable levels, while at all times respecting the cultural and religious beliefs and values of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, World Population Awareness Week was proclaimed last year by Mayors of 315 United States cities, as well as Governors of 32 states, and was co-sponsored by 231 organizations in 63 countries; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 the theme for World Population Awareness Week is "Population and the Urban Future".

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Davie hereby proclaim the week of October 21-31, 2001 as;

WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this **3rd** day of **October, 2001**.

Harry Venis, Mayor