

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05-379**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LYNN HAVEN, FLORIDA, CREATING THE MAYOR SHARON SHEFFIELD YOUTH COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE AND DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR ELIGIBILITY, TERMS AND APPOINTMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, many municipalities use youth councils to inject fresh ideas and youth perspectives into local decision-making; and

**WHEREAS**, youth councils can promote community service and foster a better understanding among young people of how municipal government works; and

**WHEREAS**, youth councils are an excellent means of promoting regular and active civic engagement among young people, which is vitally important to provide the knowledge, skills and abilities to the next generation of local leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, youth councils develop future government and community leaders through civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, as such, the City Commission desires to create the Mayor Sharon Sheffield Youth Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LYNN HAVEN, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1. RECITALS.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**SECTION 2. CREATION.** The City Commission of the City of Lynn Haven hereby establishes and creates the “Mayor Sharon Sheffield Youth Council” (hereinafter the “Youth Council”).

**SECTION 3. COMPOSITION OF THE YOUTH COUNCIL.** The Youth Council shall consist of no more than twenty-five (25) students. New members shall be recommended by Bay District Schools and school faculty and the Mayor reserves the right to recommend additional members. The students selected will be appointed by the Mayor. The Members must be residents of the City or attend high school in the City. The Members must have and maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Student recommendations shall submit an application form as provided by the City, accompanied by written permission from a parent or legal guardian authorizing the applicant to attend the prescribed meetings and participate in the activities of the Youth Council.

**SECTION 4. DUTIES.** The Youth Council shall meet once a month. Members shall attend and participate in scheduled meetings and activities of the Youth Council. Members shall volunteer (as available) and encourage youth participation for mayoral and city events. The Youth Council shall research, review, plan and recommend to the Mayor the establishment of social and recreational programs to be made available to the teen-aged youth of the City. The Youth Council shall assist with the planning and implementation of general family, social and recreational programs to be provided by the City.

**SECTION 5. TERM.** The term of office for each Member shall be one (1) year beginning in May of each year with renewable one (1) year terms until graduation.

**SECTION 6. REPEAL.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions of the City of Lynn Haven in conflict with the provisions herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.


**SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court or regulatory body of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED** by the City Commission of the City of Lynn Haven, Florida, meeting in regular session this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

**CITY OF LYNN HAVEN, FLORIDA**

  
Jesse Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Vickie Gainer, City Manager-Clerk