RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FITNESS CLUB YOUTH POWERLIFTING TEAM

WHEREAS, the Fitness Club Youth Powerlifting program (FCYP) located at the Fitness Club Merritt Island, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created under founder and former world champion powerlifter, Frank Buzzo. It was created to encourage increased strength, self-esteem, and work ethic in personal goal attainment in powerlifting; and

WHEREAS, The FCYP team is comprised of Merritt Island High, Cocoa High and UCF students who train several days a week under Buzzo's help and guidance; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, just one year after the team's inception, the FCYP team competed at the WNPF competition in Greenville, South Carolina, where they broke multiple State, National, and World records; and

WHEREAS, in November 2024, the FCYP team went to Virginia Beach, Virginia, to compete at the 100% RAW Powerlifting Federation 2024 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, which is more competitive than the WNPF. They competed against 400 contestants from 12 countries. The competition is the top event of the 100% Raw Powerlifting Federation, with more than 8,000 lifters in its worldwide membership; and

WHEREAS, nine team members lifted their way to five first places, plus second and third spots, in their weight and age classes. Jarrett Smith, Drayton Barrett, Caleb Hoats, Ethan Underwood, Jack Mosier, Lucas Pollock, Devon Schlotzky, River Dennis and McKenzie Davis. The FCYP team's performance also earned them first place in the Team Championship; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and support of the team founder Frank Buzzo, dedication of the Fitness Club Merritt Island, and the commitment shown by the FCYP team members, brings a great deal of pride to our County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, that coach Frank Buzzo and all the members of the Fitness Club Youth Powerlifting Program team be recognized for their dedication and achievements.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED in regular session, this 14th day of January 2025.

ATTEST:

RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

ROB FELTNER, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA