

# PROCLAMATION

## City of Melbourne, Florida

*WHEREAS: Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common and serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease at any age; and*

*WHEREAS: Alpha-1 has been identified in nearly all populations and ethnic groups. It is estimated that one in every 2,500 Americans has Alpha-1 and an estimated 19 million people carry a single deficient gene, which may be passed on to their children; and*

*WHEREAS: Alpha-1 is widely under-diagnosed and misdiagnosed, and fewer than ten percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been diagnosed. It takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be done by using a simple blood test; and*

*WHEREAS: During the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public as well as the medical community of Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Kathleen H. Meehan, Mayor, City of Melbourne, Brevard County, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 2018 as*

### *"Alpha-1 Awareness Month"*

*in the City of Melbourne and urge all residents to increase their awareness and understanding of Alpha-1.*



*Witness my hand and the seal of the City this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.*

*Kathleen H. Meehan*  
Kathleen H. Meehan, Mayor