



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 5, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Brian L. Barroso
City Manager

CC: Marcus Davila
Director of Community Services

From: Kelli Funkhouser
Special Events Manager

Subject: **[File ID: 26-5020] Recommendation to approve “Walk in My Shoes 2026” on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.**

Introduction

The City Manager’s Office requests the approval of “Walk in My Shoes 2026” on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. (setup at 6:00 a.m.) beginning at the Duval Street Pocket Park and ending on US 1.

Background

The City Manager’s Office has received an application from “Lauren’s Kids” for the Annual “Walk in My Shoes” on Tuesday, March 31, 2026. The Lauren’s Kids Foundation annually organizes a walk across the state of Florida to promote awareness for National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Like in years past, the walk will start in Key West at the Southernmost Point and travel a 3-mile walk to Publix Supermarket at Key Plaza Shopping Center, with the opportunity to stop or continue walking the full 15-mile route to Baby’s Coffee on US 1. Like in past years, the walkers will be escorted by Florida Highway Patrol, and all routes permitted through FDOT (in addition to local permitting). Setup will begin in the Pocket Park at 6:00 a.m. Registration and the walk kick-off is from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the Pocket Park. South Street west of Duval will be closed for the walk lineup as needed by KWPD. Funds raised cover the expenses of the walk for Lauren’s Kids. The applicant has agreed to abide by City Codes and Ordinances, including providing insurance.

Procurement

There will be no additional expenses to the city as all service costs (Police/Fire/Community Services) are covered by the applicant, based on the Special Event Matrix.

Recommendation

The City Manager's Office recommends the Mayor and Commission approve the Walk in My Shoes 2026 on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Duval Street Pocket Park and ending on US 1.