

PROCLAMATION, CERTIFICATE AND KEY TO THE CITY REQUEST FORM

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL CEREMONIAL ITEM REQUESTS A MINIMUM OF 14 DAYS IN ADVANCE.

* Request for: (check one)

Key

•Certificates are inclusive of any type of recognition that may be used to honor special events or individuals. These may include but are not limited to: conferences; conventions; seminars; professional celebrations; retirements; family reunions; community celebrations; award ceremonies; college graduations; significant birthdays; anniversaries; business openings; distinguished visitors and/or other achievements.

•Proclamations are an official public announcement or declaration to formally recognize and/or draw awareness to an issue that impacts the City of North Port on a specific day, week, or month. These may include but are not limited to: the citizens of the City of North Port; certain organizations' occasions of importance and significance; days that are noteworthy or historically significant; and/or special events. Proclamations will not be issued for matters of political controversy; ideological or religious beliefs or individual conviction; campaigns or events contrary to City policies espousing hatred, violence, or racism. Proclamations are strictly honorary, are issued as a courtesy, are not legally binding and do not constitute an endorsement by the City of North Port.

•The Key to the City is an honor bestowed upon esteemed residents, visitors, and others whom the City wishes to honor, symbolizing outstanding civic contributions of the recipients. A key to the City is strictly honorary.

* **Date of Request**

10/27/2020

* Name of Requestor:

City of North Port Board of Commissioners

Organization:

City of North Port

Address:

5912 Gottfried Ln.
North Port FL 34291

* Phone No.

(941) 323-3131

* **Email address:**

chris.hanks@cadmngmt.com

* **Name of Individual / Organization to be honored:**

Vanessa Carusone

Title for Proclamation or Certificate:

For dedicated service to the citizens of North Port

Reason for Recognition (Please enter 4 – 6 paragraphs as draft text for a Proclamation):

As a resident and business owner, Vanessa Carusone came interested in serving the city as a commissioner after she didn't like some of the regulations on local businesses. She ran for office and won, and now is the longest serving commissioner in the City of North Port. She helped make the city more friendly for businesses opening in a city of 20,000. She helped organize citywide events, including relay for life, Little Miss North Port pageant through the Kiwanis Club, egg hunts, fundraisers for families in need following a disaster or medical situation. During her service, she served on the Sarasota County Planning Commission, Sarasota County Substance abuse Committee & South County on Substance Abuse Committee, YMCA board, North Port's Community Health Action Team. She campaigned for local and countywide initiatives involving HIPPA, ethics, Sunshine and Public Records Law, Record research and archival, legislative advocacy with local, state and federal legislation, creation of not-for-profit entities. She helped with legislation to protect children in foster care. She was a staunch supporter of keeping North Port Social Services intact for local residents and worked with Juvenile Justice to reduce recidivism among at-risk teenagers. Through Holly's Hope, she bridged the gap to bring Teen Court to City Hall. She volunteers anywhere needed in a city that now has more than 77,000 people, including 10,000 school-age children, whom she will never quit helping.

* Document is to be:

Presented at a Commission Meeting (Ceremonial items are presented during Commission Special Meetings held the first Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. time certain.)

Please indicate which month the item will be presented at a Commission meeting:

11/05/2020

Please provide event information and location if the item is to be presented outside of a Commission meeting:

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Date and Time of Recognition (if presented at event):

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If not presented document is to be:

Option 1

Option 2

Mailed to:

Name / Organization

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Street Number and Name

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City, State and Zip Code

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on (date)

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If you have any questions please contact the City Clerk's Office at (941) 429-7058.

Note: Submission of a request for a Proclamation, Certificate or Key to the City does not guarantee issuance.