

Proclamation

City of North Port



WHEREAS, tobacco use remains the number one cause of preventable disease and death in the U.S., killing more than 480,000 people per year. Sixteen million people in the U.S. currently suffer from smoking-caused illnesses; and

WHEREAS, 5.6 million children between the ages of 3 to 11 are exposed to secondhand smoke daily, and 39.7% of children under the age of 18 today will ultimately die from smoking, while \$170 billion is spent each year on tobacco-related medical bills; and

WHEREAS, though youth smoking rates have declined to an all-time low, e-cigarettes have created an epidemic with a new generation becoming addicted to nicotine. Youth vaping rates have skyrocketed, resulting in 34.1% of Sarasota County high school students reporting use of e-cigarettes within the last 30 days per the 2018 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey; and

WHEREAS, the focus of Take Down Tobacco National Day of Action is to rally communities across the globe to push for the first tobacco-free generation through a day of national activism. The State of Florida is committed to the goals and objectives of this National Day of Action by offering support to various public health activities, programs and events; and

WHEREAS, our local S.W.A.T. (Students Working Against Tobacco) Chapter, presented their cause to the City Commission and aided the City in attempting to find a solution to the epidemic within our local community by supporting the Tobacco 21 movement, which was passed at the Federal level in December 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2020, as

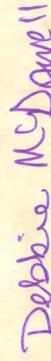
“Take Down Tobacco National Day of Action”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE have hereunto set our hands and seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 5th day of March 2020.

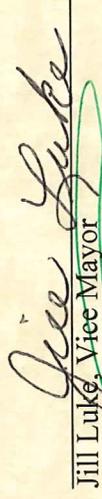
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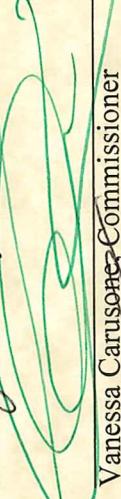

Heather Taylor, Interim City Clerk

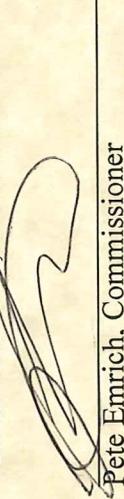
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