

Proclamation

City of North Port



Whereas, almost 16,000 children from birth to 19 are diagnosed with cancer in the United States annually which is equal to about 43 childhood cancer diagnoses each day; and

Whereas, each year, more than 300,000 new childhood cancer diagnoses worldwide are equal to one family every 3 minutes hearing the horrifying words 'Your child has cancer'; and

Whereas, although the five-year survival rate for childhood cancers has reached 80 percent, nearly 2,000 American children, 19 and under, still die each year from cancer, making it the leading killer of children by disease; and

Whereas, a hospital stay for a child with cancer can cost a family more than \$40,000 per stay on average, as cancer costs almost five times as much as hospitalization for other pediatric conditions; and

Whereas, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown, and more studies are needed to understand which treatments work best for children; and

Whereas, young North Port residents like Lee Sullivan should be recognized for having courage and sheer will power to live; and

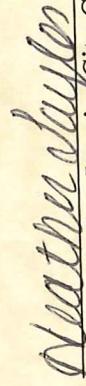
Whereas, the North Port City Commission recognizes Woodland Middle School student Lee Sullivan, who spent his 13th birthday at Golisano Children's Hospital in Fort Myers fighting for his life while battling cancer, for bringing an awareness and understanding of what it's like for a young person to fight like a warrior; and

Whereas, Lee Sullivan's classmates, teachers, siblings, Mother Tanya, nurses and doctors should also be recognized for helping keep a very special young man in their prayers and making a positive difference in his life; and

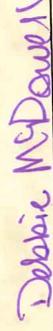
Whereas, North Port is a caring community that supports children and families, the City Commission recognizes Lee Sullivan's ongoing struggle which has also brought light to a North Port non-profit group called Move Mountains, which has been resourceful, compassionate and an invaluable asset to the Sullivan's and other North Port families with children that are fighting cancer. Thank you, Lee Sullivan. We honor you for your courageousness and strength.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *WE* have hereunto set our hands and seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 6th day of February 2020.

ATTEST


Heather Taylor, Interim City Clerk

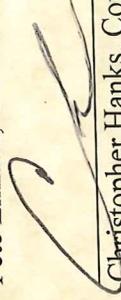
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