



## City of North Port

### RESOLUTION NO. 2017 -R-15

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE “KINDNESS COMMUNITY” FOCUS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Port, Florida, acknowledges that Kindness positively affects and improves the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, no matter what part of the world people come from there are basic human needs and concerns that simple Kindness eases; and

**WHEREAS**, Kindness encourages people to tap into their own human spirit and share Kindness with one another which nourishes and strengthens our Community; and

**WHEREAS**, engaging in kind actions and good deeds for others has the power to create positive change in society and helps to make the world a friendlier and more courteous place; and

**WHEREAS**, extending oneself in Kindness to another empowers both the giver and the recipient; and

**WHEREAS**, in October 2016, Jacqueline Moore initiated “Kindness Community”, a conscious Community-wide focus that brings our community together and encourages acts of Kindness; and

**WHEREAS**, the “Kindness Community” has created awareness, understanding, and actions that create and sustain Kindness, including its:

- Kindness social communication platforms;
- “Kindness Is...” Video Campaign;
- “Kindness Pledge” available online at [www.experienceGoodwill.org/kindness](http://www.experienceGoodwill.org/kindness);
- Engaging and speaking to civic groups and other organizations about the critical link of Kindness to their Missions and implementing the “Kindness in the Workplace Speaker Series” in the Summer of 2017;
- Organizing “Pop Up” conversations around our region about Kindness and ways to engage personally and collectively in expanding it;
- “Kindness Community” website under construction;
- Engaging high profile individuals in “Kindness Community” efforts to spread and reinforce the message and help effect behavior change;
- Expanding network of public and private sector entities that embrace the focus on Kindness (example – The Local Tea Company in Sarasota creating a Kindness Community-branded tea whose proceeds benefit Veterans served by Manasota Goodwill Inc.)
- Reaching out to other communities for inclusion in the “Kindness Community” via Proclamations or Resolutions

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The City of North Port, Florida, is committed to strengthening the role simple Kindness plays in encouraging authentic, caring connections within our municipality, in schools, organizations, and communities, be they physical or virtual, and supports the evolution of the “Kindness Community” such that it makes Kindness a way of life.

**SECTION 2.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED** by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

**CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA**

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**LINDA M. YATES**  
**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**PATSY C. ADKINS, MMC**  
**CITY CLERK**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:**

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**MARK MORIARTY**  
**CITY ATTORNEY**