

Proclamation



CONGRATULATING SMOKEY BEAR

Whereas, On August 9, 2019, Smokey Bear will celebrate his 75th birthday which also marks his wildfire prevention campaign as the longest running public service campaign in U.S. history. Smokey's message "Remember – Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires!" is as relevant today as it was in 1944 as more people are living closer and closer to natural areas; and

Whereas, the mission of the Florida Forest Service is to protect Florida and its people from the dangers of wildland fire and manage the forest resources through a stewardship ethic to assure they are available for future generations; and

Whereas, in the last five years Florida Forest Service Wildland Firefighters responded to over 122 fires in the City of North Port that burned 3,453 acres, in many instances threatening communities and adjoining infrastructure; and

Whereas, the Florida Forest Service is actively engaged in promoting and conducting prescribed burns and other wildfire mitigation practices to reduce wildfires that may threaten communities and other infrastructure; and

Whereas, on Saturday August 3, 2019 everyone is invited to come to Charlotte County Sports Complex in Port Charlotte from 1400 to 1700, to help Smokey Celebrate his 75th birthday; and

Now, Therefore, we, the City Commission of The City of North Port, Florida do hereby congratulate Smokey Bear on his 75th birthday and his continued efforts to remind citizens to be careful when using fire in natural areas. Further the City Commission commends the men and women of the Florida Forest Service for their partnership with the City of North Port and Smokey Bear in wildfire prevention and mitigation.

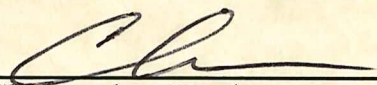
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *WE* have hereunto set our hands and seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 11th day of July 2019.

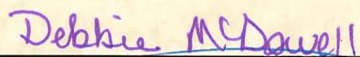
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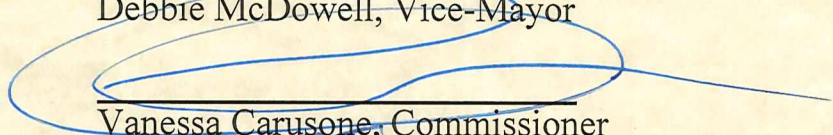

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