

Proclamation



CONGRATULATING POLICE CHIEF KEVIN VESPIA ON HIS RETIREMENT MARCH 27, 2018

WHEREAS, Kevin Vespia, Chief of the North Port Police Department officially retires on March 31, 2018, after eighteen (18) years and five (5) months of outstanding service to the residents of the City of North Port, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Kevin began his law enforcement career out of high school when he joined the United States Army as a Military Police Officer. Upon receiving an honorable discharge, Kevin continued his efforts in civilian law enforcement with the Providence Police Reserves in Rhode Island where he was assigned to the areas Public Housing Unit. He then started with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office in 1996 as a Deputy Sheriff and from there became a North Port Police Officer in 1999. He advanced through the ranks and gained experience to his final and most critical position as North Port's "Police Chief" in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Kevin also serves on the Board of Director's for the local North Port Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (NP-ASAP) Program, District 1 Director of the Florida Police Chief's Association (FPCA) which consists of Sarasota County, Manatee County, Desoto County, Hardee County, and Highland's County and as the Acting President and Vice President of the Southwest Florida Police Chief's Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the City Commission of the City of North Port, take this opportunity to express our sincere and grateful appreciation, and hereby extend to Kevin Vespia, our congratulations on his well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to him for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE have hereunto set our hands and seal of the City of North Port, Florida, this 27th day of March, 2018.

ATTEST:

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

Patsy C. Adkins, MMC
City Clerk

Vanessa Carusone, Mayor

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