

Proclamation



“WORLD OSTOMY DAY— SPEAKING OUT CHANGES LIVES”

October 6, 2018

WHEREAS, an ostomy is a type of surgery that creates an opening (stoma) in the abdomen that allows for the removal of bodily waste when a person has lost the normal function of digestive or urinary systems due to birth defects, colorectal cancer, bladder cancer, Crohn’s disease, ulcerative colitis, and other medical conditions. They are also necessary in cases of severe abdominal or pelvic trauma resulting from accidents or from injuries sustained during military service. The bodily waste passes through the stoma into an ostomy “pouch” on the outside of the body or in the case of continent diversion surgeries, an internal surgically created reservoir;

WHEREAS, approximately 725,000 to 1 million Americans have an ostomy, with approximately 100,000 new ostomy procedures performed each year and;

WHEREAS, ostomy or continent diversion surgery can occur at any age and does not lower life expectancy and;

WHEREAS, largely through the efforts of United Ostomy Associations of American, Inc. (UOAA) and its over 300 Affiliated Support Groups, Americans needing these surgeries are becoming more aware of the opportunities for education, mutual aid, advocacy and support that are of such great benefit to them and their families and;

WHEREAS, UOAA celebrates Ostomy Awareness Day annually on the first Saturday of October and in partnership with the International Ostomy Association, World Ostomy Day is celebrated every three years, the last being held in 2015. The aim of World Ostomy Day is to improve the rehabilitation of ostomates worldwide by bringing to the attention of the general public and the global community the needs and aspirations of ostomates and;

WHEREAS, the City of North Port and other government and private sectors are deeply committed to the proper care and advancement of knowledge about bowel and urinary diversion surgery as a result of birth defects, disease, injury and other digestive disorders and;

WHEREAS, to increast public acceptance of ostomy surgery and continent diversion surgery and to remind those who have had surgery by speaking out they can help the world better understand this lifesaving surgery and help people receive better ostomy care. The City of North Port is recognizing this year’s first Saturday of October as:

“World Ostomy Day”.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, proudly proclaim October 6, 2018, as “World Ostomy Day—Speaking Out Changes Lives” and urge everyone to unite on this day in a showing of support.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 4th day of October 2018.

ATTEST:

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

Kathryn Peto
Interim City Clerk

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