

other public buildings. Due to his close friendship with Mihajlo Pupin, an American Serbian physicist, chemist, philanthropist and Pulitzer Prize winner, President Wilson understood what the Serbian people suffered during the First World War and wanted to pay tribute to the Serbian victims; and

*Whereas*, The Serbs valiantly and courageously opposed a country 10 times greater in population and resources, yet drove them out three times. Only after Germany and Bulgaria came to the aid of Austria, did the Serbs have to retreat; and

*Whereas*, while their territory and homes were devastated, the Serbian people's spirit was not broken. Overwhelmed by superior forces and brutal force; their love of freedom and liberty remained. Nothing would affect their determination for liberty and independence; and

*Whereas*, President Wilson appealed to people of all faiths and creeds to gather in their places of worship on July 28<sup>th</sup> to express their sympathy to the oppressed and dominated people and ask God to bless them and their cause; and

*Now, Therefore*, WE, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby commemorate July 28 the day the

## *Serbian Flag flew over the White House*

And remember how nobly the people of Serbia fought and suffered for the same principles as America fought for and

*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.


*ATTEST:*

  
Heather Taylor, Deputy City Clerk

*CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA*

  
Christopher B. Hanks, Mayor

  
Debbie McDowell, Vice-Mayor

  
Vanessa Carusone, Commissioner

