

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Lori Koplin is an asset to the City and touches the lives of many on a daily basis. Her dedication creates a positive impact in our community; and

WHEREAS, Lori started her career with the City in 2005 as a Summer Camp Counselor. The following year she was hired as a part time Special Populations Counselor, and in 2007 as a part time Special Populations Therapeutic Aid. In 2012 Lori secured a full-time position as Nova Recreation Center and Special Populations Coordinator. Lori was awarded Employee of the Year in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Lori is involved with a therapeutic recreation summer day camp known as Club T. Rec for special needs children, ages seven to eighteen. This camp is one of Lori's favorites because her true passion is working with the special needs population and watching them grow year after year; and

WHEREAS, Lori discovered her passion of working with special needs children in high school while working at the Duval Home in DeLand. Prior to working with the City, she was a teaching assistant for Volusia County Schools; and

WHEREAS, Lori has a degree in Early Childhood Education and recently earned a Bachelor's Degree in Recreation/Sports Management, focusing in Recreational Therapy from Florida International University. She has completed training and certification programs from Daytona State College, Blaze Sports, JD Williams and the National Council for Behavioral Health. Lori is currently working on achieving Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist designation, a certification only obtained by 19% of her peers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Lori also recently received the Florida Festivals and Events Association "Sunsational Award for a Community Outreach Program" for her work with the City of Ormond Beach Shining Star Pageant.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2022, as a day to recognize

Lori Koplin

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me in honoring Lori for her dedication and congratulating her for furthering her education.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 5th day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor