

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Downtown Fit Loop powered by AdventHealth at Fortunato Park is the first of four planned phases at each corner of the Granada Bridge. The Downtown Fit Loop represents the Rotary Club of Downtown Ormond Beach's investment in fitness and health for all ages of our community. Phase One has been a project two years in the making, with the additional phases planned to resume in 2022; and

WHEREAS, one of the Rotary Club's founding members, Hal Gerow, noticed a need for exercise and play equipment for children starting at six-years-old. He brought this information to the Rotary, who in turn brought it to the attention of city staff, and the process started for instituting a plan around the original idea; and

WHEREAS, the results of this idea created a project that will help fill the need for exercise equipment accessible to all citizens of Ormond Beach, regardless of age, education, socioeconomic background or ability level. The project increases Rotary visibility, heightens the utilization of our natural resources, and attracts visitors to the City of Ormond Beach and our Downtown District; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary has been actively involved in all elements of the project, from beginning to end. They held fundraisers, made personal contributions and secured sponsorships to assist in the funding involved with a project of this size. One sponsor, AdventHealth, saw a similar need in the community; they chose to join with the Rotary and Ormond Beach, becoming a gracious and generous sponsor of the project; and

WHEREAS, the equipment installed in Fortunato Park, and planned for the other three corners, allows for local community members to conveniently and easily improve their health, develop good habits, get outside and come together for the benefit of themselves and their families. The training system is safe for ages six and over, aiming to address the four elements of a well-rounded fitness program: muscle fitness, balance/flexibility, core fitness, and aerobic fitness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ormond Beach is extremely grateful to the Rotary Club of Downtown Ormond Beach and AdventHealth for their thoughtfulness and participation in this special project for its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2021, as a day to dedicate the

DOWNTOWN FIT LOOP POWERED BY ADVENTHEALTH AT FORTUNATO PARK

in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage citizens to join with me in thanking the Rotary Club of Downtown Ormond Beach and AdventHealth for their service to, and support of, the Ormond Beach community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 26th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor