

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Norman and Theresa Karr, a married couple for 38 years, moved south in 2013 from North Carolina. They love Florida and enjoy the quality of life that Ormond Beach provides for its residents; and

WHEREAS, Norman and Theresa have been dressing up as Santa and Mrs. Claus for fifteen years, with six of those years as part of the Santa on Patrol with the Ormond Beach Police Department. Santa on Patrol was born when the Karrs asked if the Police Department needed an official Santa. They also contribute funds to purchase toys for the children. The Santa on Patrol program hopes to promote goodwill and cheer during what can be a difficult time of year for some individuals. The entirety of the program is funded by donations from local citizens and clubs, with the goal of advancing the practice of community policing through enhancing the relationship between the community and our police officers; and

WHEREAS, dressing up offers the Karrs a way to give back to their community. From appearing in The Villages for a very special group of individuals to being escorted in a patrol car across Ormond Beach to sitting in for the injured scheduled Santa in the HOme for the HOlidays Parade, dressing up is as much a treat for the Karrs as for those whose lives they touch. They visit daycares, schools, and hospitals, bringing that cheer that only Santa and Mrs. Claus can create in children everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Norman starts wearing a red shirt the day after Thanksgiving and continues wearing them every day through Christmas. Theresa always carries a Santa hat with her, so that when they are out Norman can slide his glasses down and add on the hat. The extraordinary acts of kindness and selfless display of compassion the Karrs have for children and their community is what the rest of us strive to emulate daily.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 4, 2022, as a day to recognize

NORMAN AND THERESA KARR

in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage all residents to join me in thanking Norman and Theresa for their generosity of spirit in giving of their time and funds each year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 4th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor