

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Mountain Bike Trail at River Bend Nature Park is a dream concept that Tim Cone, part of a local mountain biking group, has longed to create for years for his community. This trail represents the group's investment in fitness and health for all ages of our community. Tim and an additional member of the group, Mike Manis, discussed the concept in detail and decided to approach the City of Ormond Beach with the idea; and

**WHEREAS**, through an all-volunteer effort, including a civil designer and an environmentalist, the mountain bike group spoke with the City's Leisure Services Department, offering to build the trail themselves. The group was invited to present their project idea to the Leisure Services Advisory Board and gained unanimous approval. The project was then presented to the City Commission in March 2019, once again gaining unanimous approval; and

**WHEREAS**, mountain biking is a sport of riding bicycles off-road, often over rough terrain, using specially designed mountain bikes. Mountain bikes share similarities with other bikes, but incorporate features designed to enhance durability and performance in the rough terrain. Mountain bike enthusiasts often ride in groups, especially on longer treks, and have a strong ethic of self-reliance; and

**WHEREAS**, the mountain bike group reached out to the Ormond Beach community for volunteers to support their project, rallying 35 volunteers to assist in doing the work and many local businesses to support the project. In order to build out the trail, trimming of vegetation and underbrush was required. Mountain bike trails use nature as obstacles, thus keeping all the trees intact. To date, the group has completed 4.5 miles of trail and plan to continue working to extend it as far as possible. The project heightens the utilization of our natural resources, and attracts visitors to the City of Ormond Beach and River Bend Nature Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ormond Beach is extremely grateful to Mr. Cone, Mr. Manis, the mountain bike group volunteers and all businesses involved 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 January 22, 2022, as a day to dedicate the

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in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage citizens to join with me in thanking the group of mountain bikers 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

  
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**BILL PARTINGTON**  
Mayor