

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; Vadner Park was originally a vacant lot donated to the City and became a passive park in 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Garden Club of the Halifax Country celebrates its Centennial year and embarks on its next 100 years, is focused on the value of native plants. The Garden Club continues to share with others the knowledge, love of gardening, and importance of restoring, improving, and protecting the quality of the environment through various education forums. As they move to make connections throughout the Halifax Country communities, Vadner Park is one of those bridges; and

WHEREAS; the Garden Club of the Halifax Country partnered with the City of Ormond Beach to transform the park into an oasis of native Florida plants and trees. On March 3, 2020 the City Commission approved Resolution Number 2020-36, approving the public – private partnership; and

WHEREAS, the Garden Club of the Halifax Country, a private garden club and member of the Garden Club of America, began raising funds for the park. The Club was the recipient of the Founder's Fund Grant awarded by the Garden Club of America in the amount of \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, Vadner Park has been "Going Native" with the assistance of landscape architect Jake Stehr from Zev Cohen, which included removal of the invasive and non-native plants, corrected irrigation, and installation of electricity for a water feature to nurture pollinators and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, amenities at the park include an outdoor classroom, bike rack, and dog stations. An educational experience for all who enter; a welcoming spot with an old Florida feel for residents (including canines) and tourists.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2022 as a day to celebrate the

GRAND OPENING OF VADNER PARK

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to recognize and support the efforts and contributions made by the Garden Club of the Halifax Country, and acknowledge their valuable service to our community.

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



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor