



PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING OUR COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE WORKERS

WHEREAS, those who have chosen the healthcare profession as their calling, serve their communities with a reverence for human life and individual dignity; and

WHEREAS, Gulf Breeze Hospital has maintained its recognition since 2018 as the only five-star rated hospital in Northwest Florida and one of five in the entire State of Florida by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) while our community experiences one of the worst pandemics in our nation's history as a result of the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, Gulf Breeze Hospital's ratings are based on eleven publicly reported quality measures in the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey, and components include safety of care, patient experience and the effectiveness and timeliness of care, among others; and

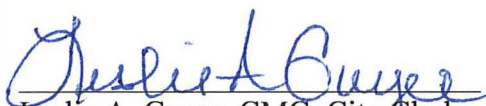
WHEREAS, physicians, nurses, health aids, EMTs, and others who work in healthcare are dedicated to relieving pain and suffering, especially during this pandemic while risking their own lives and the well-being of their families; and

WHEREAS, Karen Tilton, MSN, RN, CEN, TRCN, has demonstrated steadfast community volunteerism to the City of Gulf Breeze Interfaith Disaster Recovery Council serving as liason between the Baptist Emergency Department and local government's disaster response during and after severe weather events and also during this pandemic response; and

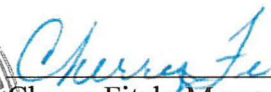
WHEREAS, the pandemic response from Gulf Breeze Emergency Department nurses and other healthcare workers has showcased their bravery and resolve and unquestionably saved countless local lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cherry Fitch, Mayor of the City of Gulf Breeze, on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Gulf Breeze, do hereby honor and extend our deepest thanks and gratitude to the healthcare workers of our community, for their heroic efforts and in recognition of their spirit, love and healthcare skill provided to their fellow man during the COVID-19 pandemic; and further, calls upon all citizens of Gulf Breeze to acknowledge our healthcare workers for their devotion to the health and well-being of our citizens.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gulf Breeze, Santa Rosa County, Florida, to be affixed this 29th day of September, 2021.


Leslie A. Guyer, CMC, City Clerk




Cherry Fitch, Mayor