## Proclamation Recognizing Florida Volunteer Month In the City of Flagler Beach

WHEREAS, April is Florida Volunteer Month, and National Service Recognition Day was April 2, 2024 and National Volunteer Week April 21-27, 2024 was established as the official time to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, volunteers can connect with local community service experiences through hundreds of community service organizations including Flagler Volunteer Services and

WHEREAS, volunteers address the most pressing challenges facing our cities, counties and our nation, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to preserving the environment and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, volunteering enhances the lives of volunteers, increases self-esteem and physical well-being, provides opportunities to learn new skills and abilities and offers the chance to meet new friends and associates; and

WHEREAS, nonprofits, charities, community and faith-based groups, schools, national service programs and volunteer centers such as Flagler Volunteer Services have joined with state and local governments to celebrate and praise volunteers who have given tirelessly and selflessly to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and City of Flagler Beach, Florida, do hereby recognize Florida Volunteer Month in the City of Flagler Beach and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of volunteer service in our city, to thank those who serve, and to find ways to give back to their communities.

Mayor Patti King	