

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS* Antal T. Molnar was born in Budapest, Hungary on November 18, 1943, and the Molnar family was by trade blacksmiths where Antal learned his trade.

*WHEREAS*, in the 1956 Hungarian revolution, also known as the Hungarian Uprising, was a countrywide revolution against the government of the Hungarian People's Republic and the policies caused by the government's subordination to the Soviet Union. At this time Antal had to flee the country, be imprisoned or worse death.

*WHEREAS*, in 1956 Antal T. Molnar entered the United State under asylum to Cleveland, Ohio where he started working in a factory called Modern Tool and Die.

*WHEREAS*, in 1970 He met his beautiful wife Valerieja and soon after getting married. Antal and Valerieja had two children Monica Molnar born in 1971 in Cleveland, Ohio and Antal T. Molnar Jr. born in 1974 in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

*WHEREAS* Antal joined the United States Army 1972 entering Vietnam where he served one tour and then returned to the US. While he was in the Army in 1979, he invented an obscuration device for tank gunners which provided an automatic pivot between a blocking and unblocking position responsive to firing of the main gun. In 1980 Antal finished his time in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

*WHEREAS*, in 1981 Antal and the family moved to Green Cove Springs FL. Antal started working at Reynolds Industrial Park working at Custom Car as a welder and moved up to management a few years later, and then within another three years he opened up his own welding shop.

*WHEREAS*, in 1984 the city asked him to build a bridge and lanterns for the city park. It took a year and half to design and construct the bridge, assisted by Antal. T. Molnar Jr. who worked after school and on weekends. In 1986 the metal bridge was placed and acknowledged in the Clay Today newspaper with the City of Green Cove Springs Mayor.

*WHEREAS*, Antal,T. Molnar passed away on January 1, 2005.

**DONE AND PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 7TH DAY OF MARCH 2023.**

*CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA*



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Daniel M. Johnson, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Erin West, City Clerk