

PROCLAMATION

2023 National Mentoring Month

WHEREAS, the goals of National Mentoring Month are to raise awareness of the value of mentoring, recruit individuals to mentor, and encourage organizations to engage and integrate quality mentoring into their efforts; and

WHEREAS, a mentor is a caring person who is consistently present and who devotes time to a young person to help them discover their strengths and achieve their full potential through a structured, trusting relationship; and

WHEREAS, quality mentoring encourages positive choices, promotes self-esteem, supports academic achievement, and introduces young people to new ideas; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs have also been effective in combatting school violence and discipline problems, substance abuse, incarceration, and truancy; and

WHEREAS, research shows that youth who participate in a mentoring relationship are more likely to finish high school and continue to college; and

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month gives us the opportunity to appreciate the staff and volunteers who dedicate their time to quality mentoring programs and celebrate the young people who have found their inner strength with the help of a mentor;

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the City of Madeira Beach, Pinellas County, Florida, and I, Mayor John B. Hendricks, hereby proclaim the month of January 2023 as

“National Mentoring Month”

in our City and urge all to observe this week by taking time to recognize and acknowledge the impact of mentors in Pinellas County who give so unselfishly of their time and talents so students can be successful.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Madeira Beach, Pinellas County, and the State of Florida to be affixed this 11th day of January 2023.



John B. Hendricks, Mayor