

PROCLAMATION 2025-01

Declaring April 12, 2025 as “Bubbles’ Day”

WHEREAS, the day of April 12, 2025, is set aside and recognized as Bubbles’ Day to honor chimpanzee Bubbles’ 20th anniversary of his permanent sanctuary home at the Center for Great Apes; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Great Apes has been an accredited sanctuary for over 30 years, providing lifetime care for rescued chimpanzees and orangutans while contributing significantly to the city of Wauchula and Hardee County’s economy by employing nearly 50 full-time staff members and generating \$3.5 million in annual revenue; and

WHEREAS, Bubbles’ presence at the sanctuary has drawn worldwide attention, elevating the Center for Great Apes and the City of Wauchula in Hardee County to international recognition as a leader in the care and protection of great apes; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Great Apes has welcomed thousands of visitors and members, further supporting local tourism and economic growth while fostering education and advocacy for the welfare of great apes; and

WHEREAS, April 12, 2025, marks 20 years since Bubbles arrived at the Center for Great Apes, making it a significant milestone in his life and an opportunity to celebrate his journey, resilience, and impact on the world;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Wauchula Commission hereby proclaims April 12, 2025, as Bubbles’ Day to encourage citizens to recognize the importance of sanctuaries, responsible animal welfare, and the inspiring story of Bubbles the chimpanzee.

ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED this 10th day of March, 2025 at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Wauchula, Florida.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

CITY OF WAUCHULA

Stephanie Camacho, City Clerk

By: _____
Richard Keith Nadaskay, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Kristie Hatcher-Bolin, City Attorney