



February 20, 2025

Orangutans

Allie	Kiki
Archie	Linus
Bailey	Louie
BamBam	Mari
Cahaya	Pebbles
Christopher	Pongo
Chuckie	Popi
Connie	Pumpkin
Geri	Radcliffe
Hanna	Sandra
Harry	Sinbad
Jam	Sunshine
Jethro	Tango
Keagan	

Chimpanzees

Angel	Kenzy
Bella	Kerry
Bentley	Kodua
Billy	Larry
Bo	Maggie
Boma	Marco
Brooks	Maude
Bubbles	Mikayla
Butch	Mowgli
Candy	Murray
Chipper	Mystery
Chloe	Natsu
Crystal	Noelle
Daisy	Oopsie
Ellie	Ripley
Ewok	Sabina
Hannah	Sha Sha
Jeeter	Stryker
Josh	Tammy
Kenya	

The Honorable Richard Keith Nadasky, Jr.  
Mayor of Wauchula, Florida  
126 South 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Wauchula, FL 33873

Dear Mayor Nadasky and City Commissioners,

I am writing to request your support in officially designating April 12th as **Bubbles Day** in recognition of the extraordinary journey and impact of Chimpanzee Bubbles, who has become a true ambassador for his species.

Born in a research laboratory, Bubbles was subjected to the pet and entertainment industries (owned by pop star Michael Jackson) before finding a permanent and loving home at the Center for Great Apes in 2005. This year marks 20 years of Bubbles' retirement at the sanctuary, where he continues to inspire individuals worldwide through his story. His arrival at the Center for Great Apes has brought unparalleled attention to our sanctuary and the essential work we do.

For over 30 years, the Center for Great Apes has been a proud, accredited sanctuary dedicated to the care of rescued great apes. Located right here in Hardee County, the Center has attracted thousands of members and visitors to our community. As a vital local organization, we employ nearly 50 full-time staff members and generate \$3.5 million in annual revenue, making a significant contribution to the local economy.

By proclaiming April 12th as Bubbles Day, you honor not only his remarkable story but also the broader efforts to advocate for animal welfare, education, and conservation. It would be a meaningful recognition of the sanctuary's contribution to the community and the global stage.

Thank you for considering this request. I would be happy to provide any additional information you may need.

Sincerely,

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