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**SUBJECT: Leisure Services Volunteers Month: April 2026**

**ACTION REQUESTED: Presentation of Proclamation.**

**REQUESTED BY: Julie Inman, Recreation Director**

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Yes**

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### **SUMMARY**

This evening, we are proud to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary volunteers of the Leisure Services Department whose time, talent, and dedication strengthen the Safety Harbor community.

Through their service, our volunteers support a wide array of programs and initiatives, including leading recreational classes, assisting our senior community, supporting customer service operations, contributing to marketing and social media efforts, mentoring youth through summer camps and after-school programs, protecting our parks through environmental initiatives and cleanups, assisting nature education with animal care and farm programming, and helping bring our fitness programs, holiday celebrations, and special events to life.

Volunteerism enriches not only our community, but also the lives of those who serve. Volunteering provides valuable work experience, educational and leadership opportunities, fosters social connections and friendships, builds confidence, and teaches lifelong skills. For many students, volunteering with Leisure Services also provides the opportunity to earn service hours required for Bright Futures Scholarships and National Honor Society.

As we celebrate Volunteer Month, the Leisure Services Department, would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our volunteers. Your commitment, generosity, and passion make a lasting difference and help ensure that Safety Harbor remains a vibrant, welcoming, and connected community.



# *City of Safety Harbor, Florida*

## *Proclamation in Recognition of*

### **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, April is National Volunteer Month – a month dedicated to recognizing the importance of volunteering and honoring the significant contributions volunteers make by generously donating their time and talents to worthy causes; and

**WHEREAS**, Volunteer Month is an opportunity to recognize and thank volunteers who lend their time, talent, voice, and resources to meet the critical needs of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that in Safety Harbor over 280 volunteers contributed over 7800 hours of service last year, with the combined value of their time, equivalent to \$257,400 towards the community of Safety Harbor; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Safety Harbor has an outstanding group of volunteers who give willingly, of their time, to meet the needs of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Safety Harbor desires to recognize volunteers that share their time and talents to provide a great service to those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, volunteering and civic engagement are the cornerstone of a strong City; and

**WHEREAS**, Volunteering enables you to help others and improve your overall well-being in the process;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH AYOUB, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR, FLORIDA,** and behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim April, as **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH** in Safety Harbor, Florida, and call upon all our citizens to commemorate the day with appropriate observances.

**In witness whereof, I have here- unto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Safety Harbor to be affixed at Safety Harbor this date:**

**APRIL 20, 2026**

**Mayor-Commissioner**