

# Proclamation



## "OPPOSITION OF BEAR HUNTING"

2016

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State Constitution, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has regulatory and executive powers over wild animal life in the State of Florida, which includes the regulation of bear hunting; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2015 the FWC approved bear hunting in certain regions throughout the State of Florida, including the East Panhandle, North, Central, and South regions, reversing the statewide ban on bear hunting in place since 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, the FWC approved the 2015 bear hunt without the benefit of a statewide bear count; and

**WHEREAS**, the first hunt in 21 years was ended early because the number of Florida black bears killed met or exceeded the quota; and

**WHEREAS**, the black bear is the only bear found in Florida and estimated to have a total population of approximately 4,350 throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the FWC, should prohibit bear hunting and if bear hunting is to be allowed, any approval of future bear hunts should be based on recent population counts and scientific data; and

**WHEREAS**, if the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission insists on conducting a future bear hunt, the City of North Port, Florida, should be excluded;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, hereby proclaims

## "OPPOSITION OF BEAR HUNTING"

2016

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, WE have hereunto set our hands and Seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 9th day of June, 2016.

### CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

#### ATTEST:

Helen M. Raimbeau, MMC  
City Clerk



Mayor Jacqueline Moore

Vice-Mayor Rhonda Y. DiFranco

Cheryl Cook, Commissioner

Tom Jones, Commissioner

Linda M. Yates, Commissioner