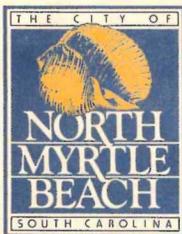


# Proclamation



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HORRY  
CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH

## International Day of Service To End Domestic and Sexual Violence

**WHEREAS**, for 135 years, the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) has thrived because of passionate, dedicated volunteers. With over 63,000 members, the organization has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to service, consistently uplifting communities and transforming lives by living the true spirit of volunteerism; and

**WHEREAS**, the GFWC International Day of Service (GFWC IDS) unites all GFWC clubs in collective service to address areas of critical need, raise public awareness, and inspire action through community-based projects; and

**WHEREAS**, GFWC is a formidable force in the fight against domestic and sexual violence. In South Carolina alone, over 32,000 cases of intimate partner violence are reported annually, according to the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCADVASA). The GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club is committed to making a meaningful impact through service and advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club will raise awareness during the Annual International Irish Italian Festival on September 27, 2025, aligning with GFWC IDS, and again at their 5th annual "What a Difference a Mile Makes" walk on October 18, 2025, to shed light on domestic and sexual violence, teen dating violence, human trafficking, and elder abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the Club annually raises funds to support local agencies, including the Family Justice Center, the Rape Crisis Center, the Children's Recovery Center, and SOS Care's Project Lifesaver—an initiative focused on protecting elders from abuse. They also provide financial assistance to victims referred by the North Myrtle Beach Department of Public Safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club stands in solidarity with GFWC clubs across South Carolina, the nation, and the world in their mission to eradicate domestic and sexual violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Marilyn Hatley, Mayor of the City of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, along with the North Myrtle Beach City Council, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 27, 2025, as "GFWC North Myrtle Beach Woman's Club International Day of Service" and encourage all members of our community in North Myrtle Beach and Horry County to **BECOME A CHAMPION: BE THE VOICE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO VOICE**, supporting the fight against domestic and sexual violence in all its forms.

Dated 15th day of September 2025

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Marilyn Hatley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Allison K. Galbreath, City Clerk