

# Proclamation



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

## COVID-19 VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS MEMORIAL DAY

**WHEREAS**, the first Monday in March, has been designated as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is an illness caused by a virus that transmits from person to person and has spread across the world, creating a global pandemic and having catastrophic effects on human life, our community, and our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 have been implemented, challenges have arisen for small and large businesses, workers, schools, governments, and others, as they work to comply with health orders and guidelines with limited resources; and

**WHEREAS**, healthcare professionals, public employees, teachers, and other essential workers have gone above and beyond to continue providing services in restricted and often dangerous conditions, risking their own health and safety to serve others in their professional capacities; and

**WHEREAS**, local and state governments, health departments, and public servants have taken bold actions to protect residents, support struggling local economies, and find innovative ways to provide services; and

**WHEREAS**, more than two million people worldwide, more than 500,000 of them in the United States alone, have lost their lives to COVID-19, causing pain for families who lost loved ones, and leaving many of the millions of victims who have survived the virus with lingering side-effects; and

**WHEREAS**, in Horry County, more than 500 people have died from COVID-19, some of them North Myrtle Beach residents, with thousands more battling the illness with the support of family and medical providers; and

**WHEREAS**, each life lost to COVID-19 matters and leaves a hole in the hearts of loved ones, family members, and the surrounding community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the City of North Myrtle Beach hereby declares Monday, March 1, 2021, COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day, in honor of those who have lost their lives, those who continue to suffer from the effects of the virus, and in tribute to the essential workers who rose to assist us.

Dated this 1st day of March 2021.

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City Clerk

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Marilyn Harley, Mayor