

# Proclamation



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

## HONORING MARITSA PLATIS MISS U.S. INTERNATIONAL & MISS INTERNATIONAL CONTESTANT

**WHEREAS**, in June 2020 Maritsa Platis of North Myrtle Beach earned the national title of Miss U.S. International; and

**WHEREAS**, Maritsa proudly represents the United States as the first woman from South Carolina to win the title; and

**WHEREAS**, as Miss U.S. International, Maritsa uses her title to affect change through the organization's core values of love, peace and unity on a global scale; and

**WHEREAS**, Maritsa is a sophomore at the University of South Carolina studying public health with a concentration in pre-med; and

**WHEREAS**, Maritsa aspires to pursue a career as a Neonatologist, working with infants in neonatal intensive care units, and further focusing her passion for newborns through a personal advocacy for enhancing infant asphyxia awareness in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Maritsa started an initiative, *Cradle of Love*, educating and informing new parents of the dangers of co-sleeping with infants, and partnering with hospitals to raise funds to provide bassinets to those who need them; and

**WHEREAS**, in the fall of 2021 in Tokyo, Japan, Maritsa will compete among 80 countries for the title of Miss International; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miss International Pageant has a message of *Cheer All Women*, is not based on looks alone, and espouses core values of love, peace and unity on a global scale; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Miss International Pageant, Maritsa plans to elevate her voice by standing with numerous nonprofits and organizations that align with the international organization's mission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miss International Foundation was created to help children around the world through UNICEF and additional charities that correlate with her ambition to support children; and

**WHEREAS**, as a first generation American, Maritsa has a strong Greek heritage and strong family ties that have helped shape her into the woman she is today;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the North Myrtle Beach City Council encourages North Myrtle Beach residents and those residing in surrounding areas to reach out to Maritsa Platis to congratulate her on her good character and many achievements. We commend Maritsa for the positive example she offers as a citizen of North Myrtle Beach, as a representative of South Carolina, and as an emerging leader, spokesmodel and philanthropist in the international community.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

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City Clerk

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Marilyn Hatley, Mayor

