

# proclamation

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## Franklin's Friends Day | May 20, 2023

**WHEREAS**, Franklin's Friends is an all-volunteer 501 (c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to support central Florida animal welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization awards grants to not just one animal welfare group, but many nonprofits and government agencies dedicated to shelter/rescue, spay/neuter and community education programs across eight local counties; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2003, a handful of pet lovers came together to fundraise for the SPCA of Central Florida by participating in its annual "Wiggle Waggle Walk," ultimately forming Franklin's Friends; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization now raises money throughout the year, primarily with its two signature events — the Unleashed. Uncorked. Unframed. Gala and HOWL-O-WEEN Dog Walk-a-Thon and Canine Costume Contest; and

**WHEREAS**, since its establishment, Franklin's Friends has raised over \$2 million for local animal welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, today, Saturday, May 20, Franklin's Friends celebrates the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Unleashed. Uncorked. Unframed. Gala.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Phillip M. Anderson, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **Saturday, May 20, 2023**, to be **Franklin's Friends Day** in the City of Winter Park, Florida.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I** have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

Phillip M. Anderson  
Mayor