

**HONORING MAYOR GARY H. KATICA FOR HIS
20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR AND
NAMING JANUARY 28 “MAYOR GARY H. KATICA DAY”**

WHEREAS, Mayor Gary H. Katica was first appointed to the Town of Belleair Commission in 2000, was elected to remain on the Commission in 2001, and was elected as Mayor of Belleair in 2007; and

WHEREAS, upon the end of Mayor Katica’s final term in office in March of 2021, he will have served as an elected official in Belleair for 21 years and as the Mayor for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Katica’s holding the office of Mayor for this length makes him the longest-serving Mayor of the Town of Belleair; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Katica saw the Town of Belleair through many monumental events, including the construction of the Dimmitt Community Center, the retention of the Belleair Police Department, the great recession, the renovation of Thompson Park, the restoration of the Belleview Inn, and the onset of COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Katica is also well-known for his daily support of our community through his regular walks in Belleair, his continual advocacy for infrastructure improvements, his efforts to build partnerships and relationships with neighboring cities, his support of sports leagues and special events at the Dimmitt Community Center, his commitment to supporting Town staff, and his long-standing role as Santa Claus each Christmas; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Katica’s leadership inspired countless elected officials, employees, residents, and community members to serve Belleair with diligence and compassion through his example; and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to remember and memorialize Mayor Katica’s legacy and service for many more generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR COMMISSION, do hereby honor the efforts of Mayor Gary H. Katica over the past 20 years by naming January 28 “Mayor Gary H. Katica Day” in the Town of Belleair.

Deputy Mayor Karla Rettstatt

Commissioner Mike Wilkinson

Commissioner Tom Shelly

Commissioner Tom Kurey