



# Proclamation

## Gopher Tortoise Day

### April 10, 2022

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Longboat Key has declared **Gopher Tortoise Day** will be observed on **April 10, 2022**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gopher Tortoise has been living on earth for 500,000 to 2 million years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gopher Tortoise is listed as Threatened in the State of Florida, and Federally listed as Threatened in parts of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gopher Tortoise is considered a keystone species; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gopher Tortoise's burrow protects more than 350 other commensal species, some of which are also listed as Threatened; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gopher Tortoise's habitat needs protection; and

**WHEREAS**, having Gopher Tortoises and other species in our area, helps to sustain the area's ecology and provide man with a source of joy and appreciation for nature; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town Commission of Longboat Key, Florida, does hereby proclaim April 11, 2022 as:

## Gopher Tortoise Day

Kenneth Schneier, Mayor

Attest:

Trish Shinkle, Town Clerk

