

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Ormond Memorial Art Museum and Gardens was founded in 1946 with a mission to inspire the community with art and nature while honoring those who fought for freedom; and

WHEREAS, there are generations of families that include the museum and gardens as part of their daily lives by enjoying fabulous exhibits, art classes, attending the wide-variety of events, and participating in adventurous summer camps. With so many visitors, the museum outgrew its space; and

WHEREAS, the renovation and expansion of the museum and gardens has been a community project supported by the Volusia County ECHO Grant and the City of Ormond Beach. The project has been in the making for six years. All partners in this project were dedicated to maintaining the unique charm of the original structures and considerations were made for continued prosperity to ensure that our children and grandchildren can enjoy it for years to come; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the renovations totaled \$4 million, which was completely paid for by generous donations and a Volusia County ECHO grant. The project is in partnership with the City of Ormond Beach and includes a 50-year lease on both the museum building and gardens; and

WHEREAS, 'Ormond's hidden jewel' can hide no longer, it now boasts a green pavilion on the corner of Granada and Halifax adding tremendous curb appeal, a spectacular rooftop terrace, rental area, additional gallery space, and an educational classroom flooded with natural light perfect for inspiring creativity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2022 as a day to celebrate the

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in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to recognize and enjoy all that the Ormond Memorial Art Museum and Gardens has to offer now and for years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 9th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor