

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on June 25th, 1950, Communist armies from North Korea stormed across the 38th parallel while brave American men and women, though weary of combat in the wake of World War II, stepped forward to defend their brothers and sisters on the Korean Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, over the course of three years, through unforgiving weather and severe danger, nearly 1.8 million Americans joined in the fight and faced down communism, pushing the invading armies back and protecting people on the other side of the world; and

WHEREAS, today our community pays tribute to those American patriots who fought for freedom and democracy throughout the Korean War, leaving behind everyone they loved to secure the safety and liberty for a country they never knew and a people they had never met, mourning the loss of the more than 7,800 Americans who are currently missing from the war; and

WHEREAS, today we honor our beloved Korean War Veterans, whose spirits and stories serve as an inspiration to continue advancing freedom's cause. We owe them, and all of our service members, an enormous debt of gratitude and honor for the legacy of their service and the ideals they uphold.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 25, 2023, as a time to celebrate

J.J. Martin Day 2023

in the City of Ormond Beach and give special recognition to our Korean War Veterans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 25th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.



Bill Partington
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Mayor