

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Joe and Elwillie Daniels are pillars of Ormond Beach, having served the local community for more than five decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Daniels, Joe established a legacy guiding young athletes both on and off the court, from the formation of the Ormond Bruins to numerous positions as a counselor and director of athletic camps and programs. He was a member of the South Ormond Neighborhood Center, the Police Athletic League, Ormond Beach Police Explorers, and Volunteer of the Year for Habitat for Humanity. In 2021, Joe created the first African American Community Celebration bringing people together to commemorate the history, culture and struggles of the African American community; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Daniels, Elwillie was an office manager at Bethune-Cookman University and founder of the youth social organization, "First Impressions." She was a Chairperson on the Board of Directors for the Ormond Neighborhood Child Development Center where she received the Youth Service Award from the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce. Elwillie was a member of Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church where she was a Deaconess, choir member, and forever known as a "Woman of Grace." Elwillie is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Joe, their three sons, grandchildren, family and countless friends. Her memory will forever live on through her many contributions and limitless grace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Daniels have long served the City of Ormond Beach, both participating in and holding numerous advisory board positions, including being instrumental in establishing and serving on the Ormond Beach Housing Authority. It was one of Mayor Hood's missions to have the SONC named after these two amazing individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 19, 2022, by unanimous vote, the Ormond Beach City Commission approved renaming the South Ormond Neighborhood Center to the Joe & Elwillie Daniels South Ormond Neighborhood Center in recognition of their significant impacts to the community.

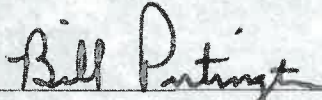
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 4, 2023 as a day to honor

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in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join me in recognizing the Daniels for their dedication and commitment to the community in naming the Joe and Elwillie Daniels South Ormond Neighborhood Center.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.



  
**BILL PARTINGTON**  
Mayor