

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Ken DeForest grew up on Staten Island in New York City. He attended the University of Florida majoring in Journalism and competed on the nationally-ranked UF swim team as a springboard diver. Prior to his solid waste career, he owned a trucking company in Fairbanks, Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken has worked in solid waste operations and customer service at the Division, Region and Corporate level. His 43-year solid waste career started in 1980 when he joined SCA Services in West Palm Beach, FL as Operations Manager. During his career he also worked alongside the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken joined Waste Pro in December of 2015 as the Division Manager for the Daytona Beach operation which services Volusia County. Ken leads 225 employees, 102 daily routes, and 3 locations including the hauling company, a container maintenance facility, and the Ormond Beach Transfer Station. The Daytona Beach Waste Pro Team provides high level of service to over 450,000 customers each week; and

**WHEREAS**, Ken is active in many community organizations including Ormond Beach Main Street, the Annual Ormond Beach Mayor's Golf Tournament, Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee, Ormond Leadership Class XV, New Smyrna Beach Rotary Club, and multiple Volusia County Chamber of Commerce organizations, the League of Cities, and serving the past 7 years on the Board of the Boys and Girls Club of Volusia/Flagler Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, today we honor Ken and congratulate him on his retirement. We thank him for his customer focused dedication to Ormond Beach residents. We appreciate all Ken has done and wish him the best in his future endeavors which will likely include spending more time with his five children and six, soon to be seven, grandchildren. Ken will also probably be seen enjoying outdoor activities such as golfing, boating, and camping.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2023, as a day to recognize

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in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage all city staff and residents to join me in wishing Ken the very best in his well-deserved retirement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.



  
**BILL PARTINGTON**  
Mayor