

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Walter Bailey was born in Waycross, Georgia. His father was career military which allowed him the opportunity to travel the world before moving to Volusia County in the mid-1960s and settling in Ormond Beach in the early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, he attended Stetson University to earn his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education, followed by a Master's Degree in Music Education from East Carolina University; and

WHEREAS, Walter, affectionately known as "Uncle Fuzzy" by his students, was an educator and Director of Bands at Ormond Beach Junior High, now Ormond Beach Middle School, from 1966 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, he loved to watch as a student "got it!" Something that was difficult for them, finally becoming possible, was so rewarding. His passion for encouraging students to do their best no matter their skill level or abilities, and consistently going above and beyond for his students, resulted in him being chosen Teacher of the Year more than once; and

WHEREAS, after teaching for 30 years, Walter retired from Volusia County Schools. He now lives in Charleston, South Carolina. He has continued his love for playing music as a returning member of the Summer Adult Band Camp in Pennsylvania. He has enjoyed traveling the U.S. visiting family and friends, including children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Walter made a long-lasting impression on generations of students, their family and friends, and the community – making lifelong friends along the way.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2023, as a day to recognize

Walter Bailey

in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage all residents to join in expressing gratitude and admiration to Uncle Fuzzy for enthusiastically sharing his love and appreciation for music with so many.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 17th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.



Bill Partington
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Mayor