

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Memorial Day, formerly known as Decoration Day, is a patriotic day to honor American soldiers who have given their lives honoring this great nation. The first Decoration Day was observed on May 30, 1868, with the laying of flowers on the graves of the Civil War soldiers who fell in battle. We observe Memorial Day today by remembering the more than one million Americans who have died to defend our freedom, all those who were declared missing in action, and our veterans for their willingness to pay the ultimate sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America has surrendered its bravest to liberate the oppressed and ensure freedom for its citizens and future generations. These men and women placed God and country before their own personal safety and pledged themselves to the continuation of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all Americans and should be recognized as defenders of freedom on all fronts, domestic and foreign; and

**WHEREAS**, we gratefully acknowledge that we live in freedom today because of the many sacrifices that have been made, and are still being made, by our valiant servicemen and women and pray that the day will come when freedom and liberty will prevail without the need for their ultimate sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, in the words of our 33rd President, Harry S. Truman, "Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices."

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 29, 2023, as

## MEMORIAL DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all citizens and visitors alike to join me on this day as we honor and thank our servicemen and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice and show respect to our heroic veterans.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.



  
**BILL PARTINGTON**  
Mayor