PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Lauren Leffler, who graduates from the University of South Florida Medical School on May 6, 2010, started riding her bicycle across America in an effort to raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children. She started on March 27 in San Francisco and arrived in Ormond Beach on April 26, where she was welcomed to her home community as she pedaled directly to the beach on Granada Boulevard so her ride literally stretched "from sea to sea"; and

WHEREAS, Shriners Hospitals for Children is a health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty pediatric care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs. Children up to the age of 18 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for admission and receive all care in a family-centered environment with no financial obligation to patients or families; and

WHEREAS, Lauren, who plans a practice in pediatric orthopedics after another six years of medical training, chose to bike across America to raise awareness and funds on behalf of the Shriners Hospitals for Children. She is impressed with the work they do with children and concerned that Shriners Hospitals for Children have fallen on hard times due to the recent downturn of the economy; and

WHEREAS, Lauren proposed a challenge of a penny-a-mile donation for every mile that she rode. She hopes to raise \$40,200 on her 4,020 mile ride. In a recent telephone interview in Baton Rouge, she said she has met the most amazing people along the way who have shown her incredible kindness and had their own wonderful story to tell;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fred Costello, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2010, as a day to recognize

LAUREN LEFFLER

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me in recognizing Lauren Leffler for her outstanding efforts in support of the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 30th of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Ten.

FRED COSTELLO

Mayor