

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Boy Scouts of America endeavor to influence the development of character, leadership, good citizenship, and the respect of others and to foster a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills, and to encourage our youth to be helpful and do one's best; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas James Fichera, since becoming a member of Boy Scout Troop 468 in 2008, has exemplified these qualities through leadership roles as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader and senior patrol leader. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned 25 merit badges; and

WHEREAS, Nick is a freshman at Spruce Creek High School in the International Baccalaureate Program. He is a straight A honor roll student, a member of the National Junior Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta competitive math team, Spanish Club, Chess Club, and Habitat for Humanity. He has played soccer, was on the Spruce Creek Cross Country Team, and involved in weightlifting at Spruce Creek High School. Nick enjoys playing the guitar, camping, and hiking, having participated in a 50-mile hike on the Appalachian Trail, and attending Boy Scouts of America's National Youth Leadership Training; and

WHEREAS, Nick selected as his project toward achieving the rank of Eagle Scout to collect over 800 old tattered flags from our community that could no longer be flown, and retired them respectfully. He held a private retirement ceremony for the Veterans at the Emory L. Bennett Veterans Nursing Home, and following the flag retirement, he recycled all the grommets and donated the proceeds to the nursing home; and

WHEREAS, Nick earned the honor of achieving the highest rank in Boy Scouts, attained by only two percent of all Scouts, the Eagle Scout badge;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, January 28, 2012, as

NICHOLAS JAMES FICHERA DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me on this day in paying tribute to Nick as an outstanding representative of the youth of the City of Ormond Beach and in thanking him for his service to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 28th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.




ED KELLEY
Mayor