

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Mary McLeod Bethune Humanitarian Network is a non-profit organization established by her great, great niece Belinda Harden and grandson Albert McLeod Bethune Jr. Their ultimate goal is to continue the legacy of Mary McLeod Bethune and Eleanor Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS, the Mary McLeod Bethune Humanitarian Network prepares young minority women in under-served communities for leadership, entrepreneurial and humanitarian service through workshops, coaching, and global service projects. The network's principles are based on the combined leadership and collaborative approaches of Mary McLeod Bethune and Eleanor Roosevelt, pioneers of change who were both colleagues and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mary McLeod Bethune and Eleanor Roosevelt were friends, colleagues, and pioneers in the civil rights movement during the early twentieth century. As the First Ladies of Diversity, they traveled together throughout America to empower women, uplift the disenfranchised, and educate young people. Their impact is felt today, and the Bethune-Roosevelt Leadership Project seeks to train the next generation of women leaders to leave a positive mark on the world; and

WHEREAS, the Project envisions a world in which young minority women are equipped to lead in the fight against poverty, substance abuse, teenage pregnancy, and under employment while embracing the cultural diversity and integrity of present and future generations. The Project has partnered with ChildVoice International and Lifestyle + Charity Magazine to provide global service opportunities and collaborate with other social profit organizations to foster innovation, youth development, and entrepreneurial skills; and

WHEREAS, Mary is recognized for being the First Lady of the Struggle, and Eleanor is recognized for being the First Lady of the World. This is why we celebrate their friendship and love as the "First Ladies of Diversity";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 2, 2013, as the

FIRST LADIES OF DIVERSITY DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach in recognition of two of the most accomplished woman in history. I urge the citizens of Ormond Beach to reflect upon the greatness of Mary McLeod Bethune and Eleanor Roosevelt and consider the many ways in which they have influenced our daily lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 2nd day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen.




ED KELLEY
Mayor