

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the summer of 1787, delegates from the States gathered in Philadelphia to build a new framework for our young republic. Our Constitution's framers represented diverse backgrounds, and on key issues, they were divided. Yet despite their differences, they courageously joined together in common purpose to create "a more perfect Union." After four months of fierce debate and hard-fought compromise, the delegates signed the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, for more than two centuries, the Constitution has presided as the supreme law of the land, keeping our leaders true to America's highest ideals and guaranteeing the fundamental rights that make our country a beacon of hope to all peoples seeking freedom and justice. Together with the Bill of Rights, our Constitution is the backbone of our government and the basis of our liberties. Even while retaining its structure, our founding document has grown with our Nation's conscience, amended over the years to extend America's promise to citizens of every race, gender, and creed; and *(President Barack Obama's Constitution Day Proclamation, September 16, 2011)*

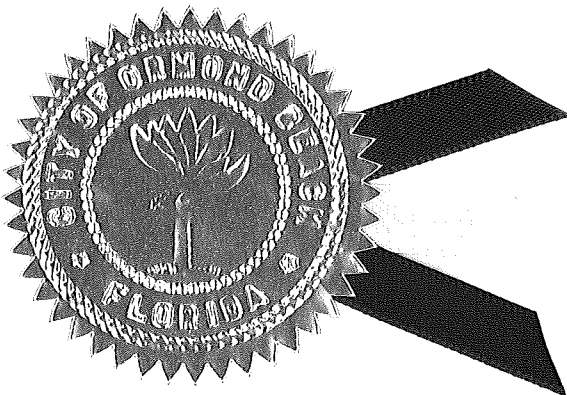
WHEREAS, The pursuit of this promise defines our history; with amendments that trace our national journey, the Constitution bears witness to how far we have come. As we celebrate the world's longest surviving written charter of government, let us remember that upholding our founding principles requires us to challenge modern injustices. Let us accept our responsibilities as citizens, our obligations to one another and to future generations. Let us move forward with the knowledge that in the face of impossible odds, those who love their country can change it. *(President Barack Obama's Constitution Day Proclamation, September 16, 2013);*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2013, as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to reaffirm the ideals the framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 23rd day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Thirteen.




ED KELLEY
Mayor