

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City Commission is proud to recognize the exceptional accomplishments of the youth of the Ormond Beach Police Athletic League (OBPAL) program, such as Marcus Edwards, who was recently chosen as the State of Florida PAL Boy of the Year for 2013; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Edwards knows what it means to be a PAL kid. He joined Ormond Beach PAL when he was eight years old and in the fall of 2003, he joined the PAL basketball program. Being tall for his age and very familiar with the gym, he fit right in with the others and with lots of practice and dedication he became one of the best point guards OBPAL has ever had. Practice and dedication govern all the goals Marcus has accomplished and everything he still hopes to achieve.

WHEREAS, Marcus became involved in the OBPAL Chapter of the Youth Directors Council (YDC) in 2008. He served on the board as vice president and trustee. As a member of the local chapter he assisted with the organization of local and regional community YDC projects, the Florida PAL License Plate Campaign, and helped with planning and conducting the weekly meetings for the YDC program; and

WHEREAS, Marcus' desire to find new ways to serve his community flows into his life even outside of PAL. He continues his service through dedication in his church, New Life Church Ministries, as a member of the church choir for over ten years and an usher for four years. He has helped his community for many years with his father to make sure that shut-ins and people in need have a great Thanksgiving and Christmas by delivering food and gifts. He was an honor student during his early educational years and as a student at Mainland High School, continues to exhibit great academic determination and ambition, taking several advanced classes. He is a member of the National Honor Society with a 3.82 grade point average. He earned the honor of serving as Mr. Mainland, Class of 2014, was selected to serve on the 2010-2011 Homecoming Court, is a member of Mainland's Voice Ensemble, Link Crew and Men of Tomorrow. He has been a team member of Mainland's basketball, football and track teams. He takes additional classes at Daytona State College and is working 18 hours a week at Holiday Retirement Home serving food to the residents, bussing tables and setting tables for the next meal; and

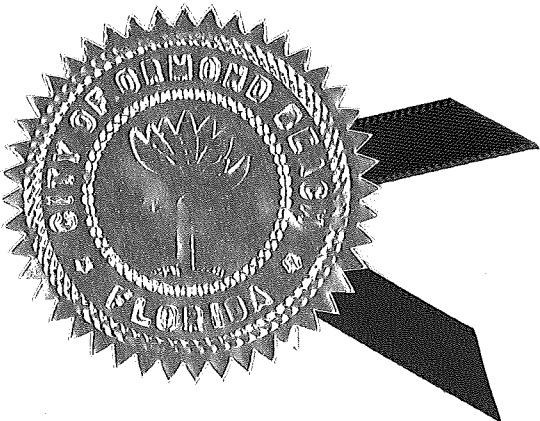
WHEREAS, Marcus has grown tremendously through PAL and plans to continue his education studying Physical Therapy. His goal is to become a physical therapist and one day work for a college or have his own rehabilitation center;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 18, 2014, as a day to recognize

MARCUS EDWARDS

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me on this day in paying tribute to Marcus Edwards as an outstanding representative of the youth of 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 18th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen.



Ed Kelley
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Mayor