PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the creation of a community garden was identified as a number one priority by the Ormond Beach City Commission in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City's Leisure Services Department diligently worked with a dedicated team of volunteers to create the City's first community garden, located at 601 Hammock Lane in Central Park Phase II. Their mission was *"to create and maintain public gardens that promote a healthy lifestyle and for those who share a love and desire to learn more about gardening"*; and

WHEREAS, Russ Royce has been an integral part of the process from the beginning planning stage through maintaining the garden today. He assisted with preliminary plans of the Community Garden, including everything from research to design to supply lists to installation, as well as participating in the addition of a shed and compost bins; and

WHEREAS, Russ regularly performs garden maintenance, including fixing irrigation, weeding, and maintaining compost bins. He oversees the garden, promptly reporting anything requiring attention, as well as presenting new and innovative ideas; and

WHEREAS, Russ personally meets almost every gardener offering valuable knowledge of how the community garden works and tips for growing vegetables; and

WHEREAS, the Community Garden would not be what it is today without Russ Royce's dedication and support—as he continues to take an active role in the development of the City's second Community Garden project;
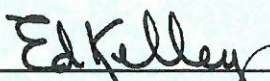
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2016, as a day to honor

RUSS ROYCE

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me on this day as we recognize Russ Royce for his service to the city and in making a better quality of life for 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 17th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen.

ED KELLEY
Mayor