

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on January 1891, a group of residents met in the Ormond Beach Union Church to form a community service organization, called the Village Improvement Association (VIA), whose goals were *"to promote neatness and order in the village, to do whatever may lead to improve and beautify our town as a place of residence and keep it in a healthful condition."* In 1894, The VIA purchased the property at 42 North Beach Street where the Anderson-Price Memorial Building now stands, which consisted of a store building with an attached residence. Ormond's library was moved from its Lincoln Avenue location to the storefront; and

WHEREAS, in 1912, the VIA began plans for the construction of the Anderson-Price Memorial Building, named in honor of prominent members of the community John Anderson and Joseph Price, to be used as both a library and meeting place for the VIA and other community groups. Major construction was completed in 1916; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, the VIA changed its name to the Ormond Beach Woman's Club. A kitchen and tearoom were added to the rear of the building a few years later, but the town library remained there until 1969 when Ormond Beach built a new library at its present location near City Hall. In 2002, the Woman's Club deeded the building to the Ormond Beach Historical Society, who currently own and maintain the Anderson-Price Memorial Building; and

WHEREAS, The Anderson-Price Memorial Building is a rare example of early 20th century architecture that has survived with few changes to its original appearance and remains a community resource as designated by its founders. It was added to the United States National Register of Historic Places in 1984; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is recognized by the State of Florida as Florida Historic Preservation Month, and the Ormond Beach Historical Society has worked to preserve and share the rich history of Ormond Beach, such as the Anderson-Price Memorial Building, which is celebrating its "Centennial Year" today with an Open House for the public to enjoy;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2016, as a day to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the

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in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me to celebrate with the Ormond Beach Historical Society as we commemorate the history of the Anderson-Price Memorial Building.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 15th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen.




ED KELLEY
Mayor