

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Memorial Day, formerly known as Decoration Day, is a patriotic day to honor American soldiers who have given their lives to honor their country. The first Decoration Day was observed on May 30, 1868, for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of those who died during the Civil War. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember the more than one million Americans who have died to preserve our freedom, and all those who were declared missing in action. We also honor our veterans for their dedication to America and their willingness to pay the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, this great country surrendered its bravest to liberate the oppressed and ensure freedom for its citizens and future generations. These men and women placed God and country before their own personal safety and pledged themselves to the continuation of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all Americans and should be recognized as defenders of our freedom on all fronts, domestic and foreign. We gratefully acknowledge that we live in freedom today because of the many sacrifices that have been made, and are still being made, by our valiant servicemen and women and pray that the day will come when freedom and liberty will prevail without the need for their ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, many did not grow old as those who returned...Age did not weary them nor the years condemn them...In the morning and with the setting of the sun we remember them (Paraphrased from a poem by Robert Binyon)...this special day for their sacrifices for our county;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 30, 2016, as

MEMORIAL DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all citizens and visitors alike to join with me on this day as we remember, recognize, and offer our gratitude for our servicemen and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice and show respect to our veterans in attending the Memorial Day remembrance on Monday, May 30, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in Rockefeller Gardens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 30th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen.



Ed Kelley
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Mayor