

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Ormond Beach Police Athletic League (PAL), under the direction of Lisa Messersmith, with the assistance of Belinda Legut and Avery Randolph, has become an "Academic, Athletic, Achievement" organization with a goal of providing programs that give youth participants every chance to become successful individuals, educated and equipped with leadership skills, and some athletic opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Cameron Walden joined the Ormond Beach PAL program when he was six years old. He could not wait to get started in the PAL basketball program! Because of his outstanding abilities as a basketball player, he was very instrumental in helping the OBPAL teams progress, play, and win in the State of Florida Association of Police Athletic/Activities League's Regional and State Basketball Tournaments and Championships, as well as many championships of the USSSA basketball games; and

**WHEREAS**, Cameron joined the OBPAL's Chapter of Youth Directors Program in 2011, serving on the board as trustee and assisting with the organization of local and regional community YDC/YLP projects for National PAL, Florida PAL, and Ormond Beach PAL. He is always there to help with any project--*that is when he is not on the basketball court*. He has over 500 hours of community service, such as delivering Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to the needy and shut-ins, OBPAL's Coat and Blanket Drive for the Homeless, Summer Camp, Youth Christmas Party, Golf Tournament Fund Raiser, Easter Seals Joey's Gift Respite Care, the Jewish Federation's Backpack and School Supply Drive, National Night Out, and many others; and

**WHEREAS**, Cameron is a great people person and has a winning personality. He is a leader, mentor, motivator, and a Big Brother to many of the youth at the South Ormond Neighborhood Center and in several elementary schools. He truly cares about those in need in his community.

**WHEREAS**, Cameron's academic career is as outstanding as his athletic career. He has shown his leadership skills as being Junior Vice President of his class at Mainland High School, captain of the Junior Varsity basketball team, mentor as a Big Brother and being the recipient of the Citizenship Award. As a senior at Seabreeze High School, Cameron has a cumulative district GPA of 3.02 with taking all honors classes, Anatomy and Physiology, Physics, U.S. Government, Chemistry, World History, English, and Biology. He has been awarded Academic Honor Bars for the past three years in High School. He is a very hard worker and works a part-time job at a local Publix Grocery Store to help with continued educational expenses. He plans to pursue a career as a pharmacist in Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Cameron exemplifies the mission of PAL and is a young man with great potential and a future filled with opportunities. Nominees for the National PAL "Male Youth of the Year" award are expected to meet very stringent requirements, and Cameron without exception achieved them all; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim June 27, 2016, as

## CAMERON WALDEN DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me this day in tribute to Cameron Walden for the National PAL "Male Youth of the Year" for 2016 award and his service to our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen.



*Ed Kelley*  
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**ED KELLEY**  
Mayor