

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Benjamin Franklin was a founding father of our country, laying the foundation for our way of life, and was the only man to sign the four most important documents of our country, the Declaration of Independence, for which he was also instrumental in resolving conflicts so that it could be signed; the Treaty of Alliance with France; the Treaty of Peace with England; and the Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, he was our first diplomat who served in England, successfully getting the Stamp Act (forcing Americans to buy stamps for every legal document from England) repealed in March, 1766; and

**WHEREAS**, Franklin, the inventor, laid more foundation for our daily lives by his inventions; the wood burning stove, bifocal spectacles, the lightening rod, the copying press, the harmonica, the sidearm desk, the rocking chair, the street lamp, an electric jack, a three-wheeled clock; and he laid the foundation for today's air-conditioning systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Franklin, as an originator, organized the first fire company, the first street cleaning department, the first circulating library, the first hospital, and helped to establish the first insurance company, as well as the first post office, and was the first to propose daylight saving; and

**WHEREAS**, Ben Franklin's quotes apply to our everyday living, and many a child's rearing has been influenced by Franklin's lesson: "*Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise*";

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 16-20, 2017, as

## BENJAMIN FRANKLIN WEEK

in the City of Ormond Beach in recognition of one who may very well be the most accomplished man in history, living from 1706 to 1790. I urge the citizens of Ormond Beach to reflect upon the greatness of Benjamin Franklin and consider the many ways in which he has influenced our daily lives.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen.



  
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**BILL PARTINGTON**  
Mayor