

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Girls on the Run is a life-changing program for third- to eighth-grade girls founded in 1996. Their mission is *"to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running"*; and

**WHEREAS**, Girls on the Run is a 12-week after school program that helps girls develop and improve competence, feel confident in who they are, and develop strength of character. GOTR helps girls respond to others and themselves with caring and compassion, by creating positive connections with peers and adults, and making a meaningful contribution to their community and society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Girls on the Run program uses exercise, positive reinforcement, and encouraging role models to help the girls discover the confidence they need in the critical pre-teen years and beyond; and (*gotrvolusia.org*)

**WHEREAS**, Girls on the Run of Volusia County is in its 11<sup>th</sup> season and has served over 3,400 girls. Under the direction of Coaches Heather Smyth, Kim Fischer, Morgan Belfer, Christy Cleckler and Meredith Gilbert, Olivia Ares, Nia Barrows, Jillian Heller, Ava Henderson, Jordan Hequet, Izabel Holmes, McKenzie Manhart, Denaye Mitchell, Kendall Olsen, Elizabeth Schoffler, Ava Warren, Grace Warren, Madison Webb, Alivea Romain and Margueritte Pittochi showed great enthusiasm and exhibited exceptional sportsmanship in the 5k (3.1 miles) run held on December 10, 2016, at Father Lopez Catholic High School;


**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 17, 2017, to recognize the

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in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me on this day in paying tribute to the Girls on the Run of Volusia County as outstanding representatives of the youth of the City of Ormond Beach.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen.



  
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**BILL PARTINGTON**  
Mayor