

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City Commission is very proud to recognize exceptional accomplishments by the youth of Ormond Beach, such as Zeli Hayworth, an 11-year old Tomoka Elementary fifth-grader, who punted, passed and kicked his way to victory at the National Punt, Pass and Kick Championship in Orlando, Florida, on January 29, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Zeli Hayworth won the Jacksonville Jaguar Team Competition last month with 284 feet, but went into the Nationals trailing two other players who totaled 295 feet. With a little over a week until the competition, Zeli injured his right foot and had to practice kicking with his left leg--he usually throws with his right hand, punts with his left leg, but kicks with his right leg—Zeli increased his kicking distance from 75 to 104 feet. He totaled 317.10 feet, which was 17 feet better than his previous best. He broke his *own* record, even kicking left-footed!; and

WHEREAS, Zeli trains two times per week with his grandfather, Tony Melachrino, former Mainland and Seabreeze coach. He has proven that he throws and kicks longer than his peers and has already begun training to defend his PP&K title at next year's competition; (*Ormond Beach Observer, Wednesday, February 1, 2017*)

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 22, 2017, as a day to recognize

ZELI HAYWORTH

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me on this day in paying tribute to Zeli as an outstanding representative 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 21st day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen.





BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor