

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the former Timucuan village of Nocoroco, which later became the site of the British Plantation, Mount Oswald, and now Tomoka State Park, has been the home of the Chief Tomokie monument for 60 years; and

**WHEREAS**, according to author Marian S. Tomblin, the legendary Chief Tomokie drank of the water of a sacred spring enraging other Indians and causing a war between Tomokie's warriors and those who believed the sacred water should not be touched by man. The water seemed to make Tomokie invincible as his enemies' arrows seemingly could not harm him, until a lovely Indian princess named Oleeta released an arrow that fatally wounded Chief Tomokie. Upon grabbing the sacred cup from Tomokie's hand, Oleeta was also critically wounded by an arrow; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Tomokie statue was created by Fred Dana Marsh in 1955, the reflecting pool added in 1956, and the sculpture was dedicated in 1957. Up until recently, there was a museum at the park with more examples of Marsh's work, which have been relocated to a museum in South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the statue has taken almost as much of a beating as the poor Indians in the legend, as the bows and arrows once held by the Indian warriors are gone as is Tomokie's spear. The figure of Oleeta, directly beneath Tomokie, is badly damaged and unrecognizable, but still the sculpture has an unmistakable presence;  
(<http://studiohourglass.blogspot.com/2009/12/monumental-sculpture-in-tomoka-state.html?m=1>)

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 21-31, 2017, to recognize the

## CHIEF TOMOKIE MONUMENT



in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me in recognizing the Chief Tomokie monument as a landmark in our city.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen.



  
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**BILL PARTINGTON**  
Mayor