

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *Tiny Big Girl Dream* was started by a tiny girl, Acacia Woolley, nicknamed "Tiny," who was born without complete arms, who despite her differences intuitively knows what it feels like to be left out and not part of the "normal" group; and

WHEREAS, the mission of *Tiny Big Girl Dream* is to provide resources to children of all ages and walks of life, so they can learn to work together to solve the tremendous challenges facing them today and prepare for a brilliant and vibrant tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Acacia had the courage of many and a big dream of making a difference for children by speaking out and providing others with a means of expressing themselves without words—*The Friendship Bench*. The idea is if kids are having a bad day or need a friend, they sit on the bench, and if you see someone sitting on the bench, you should go sit with them; and

WHEREAS, Acacia founded the company in 2012 with a goal of placing friendship kits into every school across the United States and through kindness and friendship push bullying and violence out of our schools and communities; and <http://www.tinygirlbigdream.org/>

WHEREAS, after learning of this project, Ms. Suzanne Furman, a kindergarten teacher at Pine Trail Elementary, reached out to the nearby Broadwater Subdivision residents, who lovingly donated two *Friendship Benches* to the Pine Trail Elementary School;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2017, as a day to recognize

SUZANNE FURMAN AND THE BROADWATER RESIDENTS



in the City of Ormond Beach and urge the citizens of Ormond Beach to join with me in expressing our appreciation to Suzanne Furman and the Broadwater residents for their service to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 24th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen.





BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor