

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Memorial Day, formerly known as Decoration Day, is a patriotic day to honor American soldiers who have given their lives to honor their country. The first Decoration Day was observed on May 30, 1868, for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of those who died during the Civil War. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember the more than one million Americans who have died to preserve our freedom, and all those who were declared missing in action. We also honor our veterans for their dedication to America and their willingness to pay the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, this great country surrendered its bravest to liberate the oppressed and ensure freedom for its citizens and future generations. These men and women placed God and country before their own personal safety and pledged themselves to the continuation of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all Americans and should be recognized as defenders of our freedom on all fronts, domestic and foreign. We gratefully acknowledge that we live in freedom today because of the many sacrifices that have been made, and are still being made, by our valiant servicemen and women and pray that the day will come when freedom and liberty will prevail without the need for their ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War is a story of service members of different backgrounds, colors, and creeds who came together to complete a daunting mission. It is a story of Americans from every corner of our Nation who left the warmth of family to serve the country they loved. It is a story of patriots who braved the line of fire, who cast themselves into harm's way to save a friend, who fought hour after hour, day after day to preserve the liberties we hold dear; and

WHEREAS, as a grateful nation, we honor the more than 58,000 patriots, their names etched in black granite, who sacrificed all they had in defense of our great nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 29, 2017, as

MEMORIAL DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all citizens and visitors alike to join with me on this day as we remember, recognize, and offer our gratitude for our servicemen and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice and show respect to our veterans in attending the Memorial Day remembrance on Monday, May 29, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in Volusia Memorial Park.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 29th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen.



Bill Partington

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Mayor