

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Jewish civilization has been in continuous existence for over 5,000 years and, more recently, the Jewish people have been scattered across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish people have made many outstanding contributions to every society they have lived in, including the settlement and development of Florida; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the Jewish people to take pride in their heritage and for all of us to recognize these contributions as part of their heritage; and

WHEREAS, a Steering Committee began meeting in January, 2007, leading to the first Festival in March, 2008, which was a rousing success that attracted 10,000 visitors; and

WHEREAS, the tenth anniversary of the Jewish Heritage Festival is to be held on Sunday, April 15, 2018, at The Casements, and the City of Ormond Beach wishes to honor the Jewish people and this festival as a way of thanking them for their contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, in cooperation as one people all eight synagogues located in Volusia and Flagler Counties, and the Jewish Federation of Volusia & Flagler Counties have come together to create the Jewish Heritage Festival; and

WHEREAS, participating congregations Chabad Lubavitch of Greater Daytona, Endowment Committee of the Jewish Federation, Temple Beth Shalom of Palm Coast, Temple Israel of Daytona Beach, Temple Israel of DeLand, Congregation B'nai Torah of Ormond Beach and Temple Beth-El of Ormond Beach and Temple Beth-El of Ormond Beach-WRJ Sisterhood, form an integral part of the Jewish Heritage Festival; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish Heritage Festival is highlighting portions of Jewish culture and achievements which are designed to educate, to bring joy and to instill pride in our Jewish heritage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim April 15, 2018, as

JEWISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me in honoring Jewish heritage and the intention of the festival.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 15th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor