

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Ormond Beach Police Athletic League (PAL) began in 1995 and for the past 22 years, Officer Gregory Stokes has generously donated his time serving the needs of his community and the Ormond Beach Police Athletic League. He has helped to mentor, coach, and transport youth to events that contribute to their success by making better life choices. He always goes above and beyond the organization's highest expectations and is devoted to the success of the youth of Ormond Beach. His insight to the needs of the community is unsurpassed; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Stokes is well known and respected in the community and continues to exemplify the spirit of volunteering through various PAL fundraisers, activities and educational programs. He proudly represents the Ormond Beach Police Department as the School Resource Officer (SRO) at the Ormond Beach Middle School. As a part of the Ormond Beach Police Department's Outreach Unit, he has coordinated the City's National Night Out event, while producing a Crime Prevention fundraiser leading to thousands of dollars being raised for OBPAL. He has also acted as the agency coordinator for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics; and

**WHEREAS** Officer Stokes recognizes the importance of Crime Prevention and the impact PAL programs create for the youth in the community by educating them on the dangers and negative influence drugs and gangs can have on their lives. Greg was also a D.A.R.E. instructor for seven years in the Ormond Beach Police Department's Outreach Unit. He was very instrumental in securing funds to obtain a special graphics wrapping for the departments D.A.R.E. vehicle, which was confiscated during a drug bust. The vehicle has been a fixture in many community events and demonstrations; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Stokes answers the calling of the schools in the community in teaching awareness of the effects of bullying to elementary and middle school students. He is always seeking to help the youth in our community, and if there is a need in the community and Greg knows about it, he will be there. He is a wonderful role model to both youth and adults. He continues to volunteer his time and resources to create a better community and bright productive futures for youth;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim April 17, 2018, as a day to recognize

## OFFICER GREGORY STOKES

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me this day in tribute to Officer Stokes as recipient of the Florida PAL "Volunteer Man of the Year" award and his service to our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen.

  
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**BILL PARTINGTON**  
Mayor