

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the University of Central Florida is dedicated to academic excellence of our diverse undergraduate population, and focuses on the importance of service-learning, where students learn course content while sharing their knowledge and passion with the community; and

WHEREAS, 14 undergraduate students in the Spring 2019 Principles of Marine Biology class tackled the real-life coastal issue of protecting eroding shorelines surrounding prehistoric shell middens at Tomoka State Park by first studying and then leading a community living shoreline stabilization event; and

WHEREAS, 92 people, including numerous Boy Scouts, participated in this event on March 24, 2019, that included interactive displays, oyster storytelling yoga, getting wet and dirty to stabilize 300 feet of shoreline, and thank-you gifts created by the students; and

WHEREAS, this student team made a major contribution to protecting our environment with the support of the UCF Coastal and Estuarine Ecology Lab, UCF Honors College, UCF Office of Undergraduate Research, Florida Fish and Wildlife, Florida Coastal Conservation Association, Indian River Lagoon Program, and DEP/Florida State Parks;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2019, as

UCF TOMOKA STATE PARK SHORELINE STABILIZATION DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join me on this day in paying tribute to the UCF Tomoka Stabilization Team as outstanding representatives of UCF and the City of Ormond Beach.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 16th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor