

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Shoshana Ravede was born with a chromosome disorder called “Chromosome 16 Deletion,” which causes significant developmental delays. Shoshana is nonverbal, but is very receptive and understands a very large vocabulary. When she was little, her family was not sure if she would ever walk without a walker or braces. Shoshana is overflowing with compassion, has a contagious smile, loves life, and is a social butterfly. Her family says she brings out the best in people and has a pure heart; and

WHEREAS, Shoshana loves her older brother, Asher, and wants to do whatever he does. She watched him and their dad, Jim, run many 5K races together over the years. After starting school at Pathways Elementary, her family discovered Girls on the Run, a program that teaches life skills and empowers young girls. Before Shoshana joined the team, there was some conflict and distraction among the girls in the group. Shoshana’s personality brought out the best in her teammates and helped them reach their potential. At the end of her first race, all of her teammates ran back one-by-one and finished the race holding hands with her. Now, Shoshana no longer needs leg braces, participates in 5Ks, and has even bested some of her teammates on the track. This school year she is at Hinson Middle School, where her dad is hoping she’ll be able to join the cross country team; and

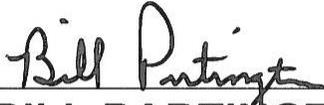
WHEREAS, Shoshana was nominated for the Live Justice Award by Volusia County Girls on the Run coordinator Ashley Novak, and Pathways Elementary School teacher Matt Coleman. The award recognizes girls across the country who make a difference with their lives. Shoshana was one of seven recipients of the international award, and was honored for accomplishing so much despite barriers and positively impacting the lives of the other girls on her team. She flew to L.A. to receive the award live on YouTube and was given the “Pink Carpet” treatment. Shoshana is an exceptional young lady who continues to inspire those around her;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 20, 2019, to recognize

SHOSHANA RAVEDE

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me on this day as we celebrate Shoshana Ravede’s incredible resilience and spirit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 20th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor