

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Joe Thompson led a life of service, dedication, and faith. Joe was an Army Air Corp World War II veteran and worked as a Publix market manager for 37 years. Married 68 years, Joe served as a member of the Ormond Beach First Baptist Church, Kiwanis Club, Masonic Lodge, Shriners, and Tomoka Christian Church.

WHEREAS, Joe Thompson spent many years serving the citizens of Ormond Beach through his involvement with city government, including on the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment and Appeals. Joe provided 16 years of memorable service as an Ormond Beach City Commissioner, representing Zone 4 from 1980 to 1995. Some of Commissioner Thompson's proudest accomplishments include amending the City's policy to lease rather than sell land at the City's airport; installing bicycle paths along Hand Avenue and Nova Road; paving Old Kings Road, Division Avenue, and Hammock Lane; the establishment of Central Park; the development of Riviera Park; construction of the Granada fishing pier; and the development of recreation facilities and fields at the airport. The population of Ormond Beach increased 40 percent during his tenure on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, one of Commissioner Thompson's great lasting legacies is the Ormond Beach City Commission's "*Thompson Rule*." Named after Commissioner Thompson, the rule established that no formal action shall be taken by the Commission on any new matter presented, without the necessary information and documentation being provided to the Commission at least 72 hours prior. The rule allows the Commission to have ample time to review new matters and consider them as a collective body at a future public meeting. Since its adoption, the "*Thompson Rule*" has been included by-name in the City Commission's bi-annually adopted rules of procedure; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2019, Joe Thompson passed away at the age of 96, after living a full and influential life. His legacy of service in local government and community and faith organizations will live on; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim Monday, September 23, 2019, as a day to honor and celebrate the life of

JOE THOMPSON

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 23rd day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor