

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Ormond Beach has a rich history of honoring our veterans, including Memorial Day and Veteran's Day celebrations and events recognizing World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam Veterans. In August of 2018, the City Commission approved a program designed to honor and pay tribute to Ormond Beach's military heroes for their sacrifice and service to our country in the nation's armed services. The Hometown Heroes Military Appreciation Banner program allows Ormond Beach residents to honor family members that are active duty, were honorably discharged, or those who were killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Halifax Health has shown devotion to our community in the past by partnering with the City of Ormond Beach. Halifax Health made the commitment to sponsor the Hometown Heroes program for the first three years, and we applaud their support of our military and veterans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ormond Beach will publicly express their gratitude to those 96 service members selected by displaying prominent double-sided banners saluting them across the Granada Bridge throughout the month of November. Each banner will have a photo of the individual, their branch of service, and rank and years of service. This inaugural year, the banners include members from all branches of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, in order to pay tribute to these service personnel and recognize their commitment to our nation and community, there will be an annual ceremony each November to honor those selected service members and their families. Each family or honoree will receive a keepsake replica banner of the one displayed on the Granada Bridge, as a constant reminder of the honoree's service to our great country; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2019, as a time to celebrate Ormond Beach's

HOMETOWN HEROES

in the City of Ormond Beach; in honor of those who sacrificed and served, and urge all citizens to thank these heroes for their service to the land we love.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 9th day of November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor