

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church's purpose is to help people hear Jesus' call to discipleship, and guide them in living a life that gives glory and praise to God. Ormond Beach Presbyterian has proven that mission is their highest priority, by continuing the practice of knocking on doors and inviting people in the neighborhood and community to worship services and events; and

WHEREAS, the Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church was founded by 92 charter members on November 22, 1959, who met at the Coquina Hotel on the corner of Granada Boulevard and A1A. Of those 92 founders, Rose Veddar, Judy Sharp, and Ken Haddad are continuing the mission of the church as current members. Founding principles, such as funding a generous mission budget and providing adequate disciple making classes and programs for every age group, are still in effect today; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Ernest E. Haddad, along with wife Miriam, were the founding pastoral family. Reverend Haddad served as pastor from 1959 until 1988, and was voted Pastor Emeritus by the congregation in 1989. As church membership grew over the years, they needed a permanent home in which to meet. In 1961 construction began on the first of many buildings that house the present church, located at the corner of North Halifax Drive and Amsden Road. Eventually other buildings were erected, offices were added, and multiple renovations have taken place in order to house the needs and ministries of Ormond Beach Presbyterian; and

WHEREAS, generations of Ormond Beach Presbyterian disciples had a vision of soaring to the moon. This vision inspires current generations to place their hope in God, whose Spirit causes them "to soar on wings like eagles...to run and not grow weary", while pursuing their quest to make disciples who are growing to know God and living to show God. Reverend Dr. R. Michael Foley, the current pastor, started in 2005 and continues to lead the church today, while also volunteering to give the invocation at our City Commission meetings; and

WHEREAS, Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church's doors are open to all who come to worship Christ. Their ministries include Adult Sunday School classes; the Amsden Academy, a learning center which offers multifaceted classes and seminars; a Music Ministry, with voice and bell choirs; a Tuned for Praise Concert Series; a Women's Ministry; a Youth and Children's Ministry; and weekly worship services. They also partner with many missions in the community as part of their outreach ministry, such as the Domestic Abuse Council, Duvall Homes, Family Renew, Habitat for Humanity, Halifax Urban Ministries, PACE, and New Start. Ormond Beach Presbyterian allows the Cub Scouts and other community groups to use meeting space in their facilities weekly, as another way of giving back to the community. Ormond Beach Presbyterian is a church that is changing, growing, and responding to the good news of God's love.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2019, as a time to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the ministry of the

ORMOND BEACH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 17th day of November in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nineteen.



BILL PARTINGTON

Mayor