

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, classroom teachers are the cornerstone of our educational system. Classroom teachers have the greatest impact on the education of a child and so many opportunities to make lasting influences in the lives of so many; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida schools are filled with caring and qualified professionals who are helping students learn more and lead better lives. The Teacher of the Year program is an effort to honor a teacher who is a representative of all excellent teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, Josie Stumpf, an Ormond Beach resident, was named Volusia County Schools' 2021 Teacher of the Year. She is currently a fifth-grade teacher with Holly Hill School, but has been teaching in Volusia County for nearly 20 years. Josie was honored at a banquet that celebrated her and the four other Teacher of the Year finalists and 67 other Teacher of the Year nominees. She will represent Volusia County and be considered for the title of Florida Teacher of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, as a child, Josie actually struggled in school. She found some comfort in her early years with teacher Virginia Medders, who taught her that a teacher never knows which students they are going to reach. It was not until her junior year at Mainland High School that Josie had a teacher who took an interest in her life and inspired her to attend college. That teacher was Derrick Henry, who is now the Mayor of Daytona Beach and an Assistant Principal at Holly Hill School; and

**WHEREAS**, Josie is regarded for her enthusiasm and her ability to establish relationships; she is also known for transforming her room into completely new environments to match her lessons and helping other teachers create engaging curriculum. She wants her to students to know how much she believes in them, and celebrates their successes in class by ringing a bell during their "aha" moments. Josie is inspired to reach all learners and build connections with all of the students and colleagues she comes into contact with. When her students tell her they want to be a teacher too, Josie knows that she has successfully conveyed to them that she has the very best job.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 18, 2020, as a day to recognize

## JOSIE STUMPF

in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage residents to join me in recognizing Josie Stumpf for her outstanding accomplishments, and dedication to her students and community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.

  
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**BILL PARTINGTON**  
Mayor