

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the world experienced changes in early 2020 due to an outbreak of a coronavirus, specifically known as COVID-19. The United States and countries all around the globe took significant measures in order to do whatever possible to stop the spread of the virus. Many lives have been affected by the outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, Wayne Walker was a healthy 62-year-old resident of Ormond Beach with no pre-existing conditions. He is a hard worker, a great husband and father, and loves his family and friends. Wayne enjoys spending time with loved ones, golfing, riding bikes on the beach, traveling, live music, his Harley Davidson motorcycle, and doing anything outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, Wayne was rushed to AdventHealth Daytona Beach with a high fever, cough and shortness of breath, which are typical symptoms of this coronavirus. Within 24 hours, Wayne was diagnosed with COVID-19, put on a ventilator and placed in a medically induced coma. His family came from as far as California and have been visiting him from a distance, due to rules which do not permit COVID-19 patients to have any visitors. The doctors and his family thought the illness would last for a few days or weeks at most. Wayne was unfortunately extremely sick for many weeks and during that time, doctors brought his family in twice to say final goodbyes; and

**WHEREAS**, after fighting Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome in his lungs, unstable blood pressure, heart arrhythmias, kidney failure, and a stomach infection, Wayne miraculously stabilized and was removed from the ventilator after three weeks. He awoke five days after the removal, and even though he tested positive for COVID-19 for a few additional weeks, he eventually improved enough to start inpatient rehab. Wayne's nurses worked tirelessly and were incredibly caring; they even set up daily video chats for his family. His wife, Julie, praised the nurses and all they've done for their family; and

**WHEREAS**, now Wayne has finished rehab and is home after eight weeks in the hospital! He's happy to be sleeping in his own bed again, has minimal long-term side effects, and is slowly working to regain strength. Amazed at the amount of prayers and support received during his illness, Wayne's faith has been strengthened. Wayne looks forward to the day when he will be able to participate in his favorite things again: walking the dog, golfing, being in the outdoors, riding his Harley, and being part of the motorcycle community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2020, as a day to recognize

## WAYNE WALKER

in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage residents to join me in congratulating Wayne on his full recovery and wishing him good health in the years to come.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.

  
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**BILL PARTINGTON**  
Mayor