

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Saralee Morrissey retired after 32 years of working in Volusia County, with 26 years of those years at the Volusia County School District. She was originally hired to address school siting and intergovernmental coordination, mainly with the intent of finding a way to efficiently coordinate efforts between the cities and the county. She oversaw those efforts, and many others, as the Facilities Planning and Construction Director. She joined the Volusia County School District after six years as a Planner for the City of Daytona Beach; and

WHEREAS, Saralee moved to Ormond Beach in 1987 and met her husband, an engineer, while working for the City of Daytona Beach. They have two children who grew up in Volusia County schools: a son, who is a data scientist in Chicago, and a daughter, who just graduated from Florida State University and wants to be a teacher in Volusia County; and

WHEREAS, Saralee received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a Master of Science degree in Community and Regional Planning from The University of Texas at Austin. She is the only school planner in the United States to be accepted into the College of Fellows by the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP), an honor that reflects a distinguished planning career that's had positive and meaningful impacts on the communities around her; and

WHEREAS, Saralee has been involved in numerous Ormond Beach projects, including the Pathways Elementary School construction, the redevelopment and construction of Ormond Beach Middle School, and most recently, discussions involving a potential merger of the Ortona and Osceola Elementary Schools on beachside. She is passionate about public education and its impact on a child's life, as well as the role of schools in contributing to healthy and sustainable neighborhoods and communities. Saralee has successfully led three voter referenda, two sales tax initiatives, and one policy initiative. She coordinated interlocal agreements between Ormond Beach and the Volusia County School Board for Pop Warner Football's access to Ormond Beach Middle School; public parking after hours in the Ormond Beach Elementary School parking lot; Seabreeze High School's use of Ormond Beach recreational facilities; and an amendment for joint use of property benefitting multiple schools, including Ormond Beach Elementary, Ormond Beach Middle, Osceola Elementary and Seabreeze High; and

WHEREAS, Saralee's outstanding efforts have accomplished many projects in Ormond Beach over the years. Mr. Robert Carolin, Leisure Services Director, who has worked with Saralee for 13 years, stated, *"Saralee is the most professional and intelligent person I've had the opportunity to work with throughout my career. She has a genuineness about her that you don't see in many people, and really wants to do what is right within the communities she works in. She brings the best out of her staff and everyone around her. She is a no nonsense kind of person when it comes to what needs to be done. She always encourages open input from everyone, and is a great listener, always looking at both sides even if she doesn't agree with one or the other. She constantly seeks resolutions to any problem. I have always looked forward to working on projects with Saralee, and will miss her tremendous outlook on life. She has a way of making others feel good about themselves and the projects they are working on for the community. Saralee is a great friend that I know I can call when in need, and she will give great advice."* and

WHEREAS, after retirement, Saralee plans to spend time exercising, gardening, reading, playing piano, hiking in fantastic far off places, and potentially adding consulting experience to her resumé.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2020, as a day to recognize

SARALEE MORRISSEY

in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage all residents to join me in wishing Saralee Morrissey the best in her well-deserved retirement, and in thanking her for her many years of service to our City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 1st day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor