

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, every municipality has a Public Works Department which covers a variety of areas that are vital to the community. The Ormond Beach Public Works Department provides the leadership and guidance to oversee the operations of Engineering, Fleet Management, Solid Waste, Recycling, Yard Waste, Streets, Stormwater Maintenance and Utilities, specifically water. Most times, citizens aren't aware of all the work involved behind the scenes until a situation arises that disrupts the regular flow of the processes; and

**WHEREAS**, the sewer main collapsed in the intersection of Granada Boulevard and Clyde Morris Boulevard on July 29, 2020, which caused sewers in the area to start backing up and the road to collapse. Public Works staff met with a local contractor, the Florida Department of Transportation, and Volusia County the next day to discuss the full project scope, both immediate and long term; and

**WHEREAS**, Utilities and Public Works crews started working around the clock immediately, operating three tank trucks for a week to divert over one million gallons of wastewater flow and allow the road to be put back into service temporarily. During this time, Tropical Storm Isaias swirled by the coast of Ormond Beach, but the dedicated workers continued their quest to provide the best service to our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Utilities staff assisted in establishing a temporary bypass, 2,650 feet long or approximately half a mile, diverting over eight million gallons of wastewater for the next three weeks while construction of the repair occurred. In order to maintain the regular flow of traffic in all lanes on Granada Boulevard during the day, work was performed in the overnight hours. New pipe and paving of the road were completed by August 25, 2020, less than a month later. The teamwork, efforts and dedication of our Utilities and Public Works crews and staff are to be commended.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 21, 2020, as a day to recognize the

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in the City of Ormond Beach and invite all citizens to join me this day in offering these heroic workers our gratitude for keeping the effects on the public to a minimum, and for their outstanding service in a critical situation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.

  
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**BILL PARTINGTON**  
Mayor