

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Brown was born in Pennsylvania on October 9, 1920, and celebrated her 100th birthday this year; and

WHEREAS, after completing school, Mary Elizabeth went on to attend college. After only a year, she married a young man named William L. "Bill" Brown II and they enjoyed 57 years together before he passed away. She and Bill had five children: Helen, Rose, Betsy, William III and Ginger. Mary Elizabeth and her family moved to Ormond Beach in the 1970's and enjoyed Ormond Beach's quality of life for over 40 years. Earlier this year, Mary Elizabeth moved to South Carolina to be closer to her daughter; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth is passionate about animals, including horses and dogs, and has enjoyed playing golf and bridge over the years. She is a Jeopardy fan and watches the show every single night. Mary Elizabeth can seem quiet if you don't know her; but once you do, many stories will unfold during your time together. When asked about Mary Elizabeth's approach to life, her daughter indicated that she was always kind and did not worry about the small things; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth and Bill spent many years attending Christ Presbyterian Church in Ormond Beach, and made an impact on the lives of others around them. As an example, they would hire a young Mayor Partington for youth fundraising workdays at their home, where a lunch prepared by Mary Elizabeth was served. At those lunches Mary Elizabeth and Bill shared life lessons with the Mayor that he shares with others to this day. They would explain three things in life are most important; Faith first, then family – particularly your spouse – and finally your career, and to focus your energies towards making good decisions in each of these areas. These words of wisdom from a special couple, and the example their lives provided, have help shaped who Mayor Partington is today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2020, as a day to recognize

MARY ELIZABETH BROWN

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to send best wishes and celebrate Mary Elizabeth with me on this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 9th day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor