

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Edward "Ed" Kelley is a graduate of Belmont College in Nashville, Tennessee, and a former Sales Distributor and President of European Operations for Hawaiian Tropic. Ed Kelley and his wife, Mary Margaret, moved to Ormond Beach in 1980 and raised two children, Brian and Katherine, in our charming city; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Ed Kelley was elected to the Ormond Beach City Commission to represent Zone 3 and served through 1997. Through a special election in 2005, he rejoined the Commission as Zone 3 Commissioner until 2010, when he was elected to the position of Mayor. He served the City of Ormond Beach as Mayor until 2016, before being elected to serve as Volusia County Chair. He also has served his community in many organizations over the years, including as Chair of the Volusia Water Alliance and the Water Authority of Volusia, Chair and Executive Board Member of the Volusia Council of Governments, and as an Executive Board Member of the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization. After his many years of public service, Ed Kelley will end his term on the Volusia County Council in December 2020; and

WHEREAS, Ed Kelley's proudest accomplishments while on the Ormond Beach City Commission involved establishing responsible fiscal policies that are still in effect today; such as a dedicated millage for roads, renewal and replacement funds, pension reform, contracting services for solid waste, and setting aside funds for stormwater projects. He learned from fellow former Mayor David Hood that you could disagree without being disagreeable and let that motto influence his relationships with those he worked with. The Commissioners who served with him lauded his integrity and character; and

WHEREAS, Ed Kelley believes that local public service is all about love of your community, and leaving something better than you found it. Through his decades of service, he has strived to make Ormond Beach a great place to live, work, and play for all citizens. Ed Kelley always looked for ways to govern smarter, more efficiently, and more fiscally responsible. He will continue his work in that regard as a member of the Local Government Efficiency Task Force - a position that he was recently appointed to by Governor Ron DeSantis; and

WHEREAS, Ed Kelley is a dedicated husband and father. He has decided to retire to spend more time with his family. He has shared his heart, humor, guidance - and sometimes even his baking skills, with many members of the Ormond Beach community. Through his years of service Ed Kelley touched many lives, including those he served with, the veterans he recognized and honored, and the constituents he represented. He took the City of Ormond Beach to new heights and left lasting impacts on his local community.

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

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in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage all residents to join me in wishing Ed Kelley the best in his well-deserved retirement, and in thanking him for his many years of dedicated leadership and service to Volusia County and the City of Ormond Beach.

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 December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor