

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Wreaths Across America organization was formed in 2007 as an extension of the Arlington Wreath Project of 1992, where wreaths were laid at the graves of fallen soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Wreaths Across America organization is to REMEMBER the fallen, to HONOR those that serve and their families, and TEACH the next generation about the value of freedom. This mission is carried out by the coordination of wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and over 2,100 locations across the United States, at sea and abroad; and

WHEREAS, each year, Wreaths Across America chooses a new theme to help supporters focus their messaging and outreach in their own communities. The theme for 2020 is "Be an American Worth Fighting For", inspired by Staff Sgt. Daniel Strong's keynote address during the 2018 escort to Arlington welcome stop at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. SSgt. Strong witnessed first-hand what true sacrifice was, and the ripple effect on all involved, each time he lost a fellow Marine during his service in the United States Marine Corps. His message was clear that day: "Be an American worth the sacrifice. In your daily operations, and in how you deal with one another and how you live your lives. Those young men and women who are in Arlington National Cemetery and other cemeteries, they earned the right for you to be an American worth fighting for"; and

WHEREAS, across the country Saturday, December 19, 2020, has been designated by the Wreaths Across America organization as the date for these ceremonies to occur. The Captain James Ormond Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will lay wreaths at Hillside Cemetery in Ormond Beach as part of their service to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim December 19, 2020, as

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage all our residents to join the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and Wreaths of America in observing this solemn day and participating in ceremonies across the city.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 19th day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor