

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International, a service membership organization of 1.4 million members in 208 countries worldwide, was founded in the United States in June 1917. The Lions Club membership is open to all who wish to serve their community and encompasses four simple phases: Learn, Discover, Act, and Celebrate. Lions know that as they serve others, they themselves will grow; and

WHEREAS, the Ormond Beach Lions Club was founded on November 8, 1954, and is entering its 67th year serving the citizens of Ormond Beach and the surrounding area. The Ormond Lions conduct four to six fundraising events annually, including a golf tournament and several White Cane Solicitations. A member of the Ormond Lions assists in maintaining the Lions Club Park on North Beach Street; and

WHEREAS, the Ormond Lions support local youth and sponsor the Seabreeze High School's Leo Club, offering students the opportunity to serve their community. They also honor a Student Athlete each month of the school year. Candidates are selected by the school principal, and receive a special plaque commemorating the selection. The Ormond Lions participate in an annual food drive during Spring Break, aiding limited income families of students that attend Ormond Beach Middle School and Seabreeze High School. They also award a \$1,000 scholarship to one or two Seabreeze High School graduating seniors each year; and

WHEREAS, in 1925, Helen Keller famously challenged the Lions to become "knights of the blind." The Ormond Lions support this mission through numerous services – including guide dog training, the Conklin-Davis Center for the Visually Impaired, and the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind, among many others. Other ways in which Ormond Lions care for the visually impaired include the arrangement of eye surgeries for Ormond Beach and Holly Hill residents in financial need, and collecting reusable eye glasses which support the Lions Recycle for Sight Program. The Ormond Lions also support the Lions Diabetes Awareness Foundation. Diabetes can put individuals at risk for blindness, so the Ormond Lions conduct diabetes screenings at select community events; and

WHEREAS, the Ormond Beach Lions Club not only serves the Ormond Beach and Holly Hill communities, but sets an inspiring example for how individuals should live their lives – by giving of their valuable time and effort to improve their communities and the world. Through their selfless acts and service, the Ormond Lions go above and beyond for their neighbors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 2, 2021, as a time to celebrate the

ORMOND BEACH LIONS CLUB

in the City of Ormond Beach and commend the Ormond Beach Lions Club on their valuable contributions to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 2nd day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor