

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Michael “Mike” Gilmore led a life that included humor, faith, selflessness and service. Mike was born on July 17, 1948 in Council Bluffs, Iowa and grew up there with two brothers. Mike visited Ormond Beach in 2006 and loved the area so much that he bought a condo. A few years later, Florida became Mike’s permanent home; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike decided to enter the United States Army in 1967, at the age of 19, and served during the Vietnam War. While serving, school became part of Mike’s life and he received his Bachelor degree in Accounting. After his tour of duty ended, Mike continued to serve his country as a courier for the U.S. government and a Special Liaison for the U.S. State Department. Mike traveled the world in service to the country he loved; and

**WHEREAS**, his military service earned Mike a membership with the American Legion and locally, the Cassin Young Memorial Post #267 in Ormond Beach. The American Legion welcomes all military personnel serving our country, with a mission to continue service to God, Country and Community. The way they do so is to implement the goals, aspirations, dreams, peace and blessings of their friends, families and country; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike gave countless hours of his time supporting needs and causes that were close to his heart, including breast cancer awareness, Special Olympics, the Emory L. Bennett Memorial Veterans Nursing Home, and the Jewish Federation’s Fred Doliner Food Bank. He assisted veterans, their families, and communities not only locally, but nationally and internationally; and

**WHEREAS**, like breathing, humor was essential to Mike, and he would frequently tell jokes in order to make people laugh and create enjoyment in any task. Colorful shirts and outfits were daily reminders of Mike’s larger than life personality, allowing anyone who met him to remember him fondly. Not surprisingly, Mike was the founder of Post #267’s Riff Raff Section, and he always had a smile and kind remark when welcoming individuals who entered there. If he knew you, satire would be included. Mike’s favorite song, The Yellow Brick Road, was by Sir Elton John, who seems to have influenced Mike’s flair for bright clothing. The few moments when Mike was serious he could be heard imparting wisdom, noting that *“Life is precious and no one should be a stranger. So, strive to find laughter and love in everything you do and everyone you meet”*; and

**WHEREAS**, in January, 2020, Mike passed away after a courageous fight with illness. This magnetic and humble man’s spirit for service and compassion live on, and inspire those who knew him. The Cassin Young Memorial Post #267 sells colorful clothing in Mike’s memory, with proceeds benefitting veterans, and have renamed their largest fundraising event of the year as the Mike Gilmore Annual Golf Outing. Even after his death, Mike’s legacy will continue to influence others for years to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim Sunday, March 28, 2021, as a day to honor and celebrate the life of

## MICHAEL “MIKE” GILMORE

in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage all residents to join me in remembering Michael Gilmore’s love of life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.

  
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**BILL PARTINGTON**  
Mayor