

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Ned Huhta was responsible for overseeing all technology-related issues and state of affairs, while also implementing solutions in support of business objectives, during his time working for the City of Ormond Beach. Ned started working in the IT Department in June of 2004; and

WHEREAS, Ned grew up outside of Florida and moved to this area in 1978, when General Electric brought his family south from Syracuse, New York. Ned graduated from Mainland High School in 1980, received two Associate degrees from Daytona State College (formerly Daytona Beach Community College), and completed his Bachelor and Master degrees from the University of Central Florida in 1990 and 1992, respectively. Ned has worked for numerous companies across our community, including Brown & Brown, Cobb, Cole & Bell, and Halifax Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Ned met a young woman named Pam right after high school and they dated for five years. They married, built their home in Ormond Beach two years later, and welcomed a daughter, Lauren, in 1990. Ned is not the only one in his family who worked in Ormond Beach; both Pam and Lauren work at local elementary schools, on beachside and the mainland. Ned and his family enjoy the quality of life that Ormond Beach provides for its residents; and

WHEREAS, Ned volunteered his time with the Kiwanis Club of the Trails, as a member, and President for one year, from 2004 through 2008. Ned has been actively engaged in the Florida Local Government Information Systems Association since 2006. He served as Central East Director from 2008 to 2010, Treasurer from 2010 to 2013, Vice President from 2013 to 2014, and President from 2014 to 2016 and 2016 to 2018. While part of this organization, Ned participated as a mentor from 2008 to 2011. He also received his Certified Government Chief Information Officer (CGCIO) certification from the Florida Institute of Government at Florida State University in July 2007, as part of the inaugural class. The CGCIO certification is nationally recognized and was developed as a partnership between the Association and FSU. Since his initial certification, Ned has fulfilled the tri-annual recertification requirements four times and fulfilled the current requirements for recertification a year in advance. Ned was recognized by the Association for his many accomplishments in 2016, and again in July of 2021 for his invaluable counseling to the Board of Directors and members during his service. Ned's longevity and dedication to the Association was also part of the recent recognition ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Ned retired on August 2, 2021, after 17 years of service to the residents and City of Ormond Beach. He plans to spend time with his family, go snow skiing, tinker with mechanical objects and travel on his motorcycle with friends. We appreciate all that Ned has done and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 17, 2021, as a day to recognize

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in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage all residents to join me in wishing Ned Huhta the best in his well-deserved retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 17th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.



BILL PARTINGTON

Mayor