

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Rick Ferritto is a long time Ormond Beach resident who has served the youth of our community for many years. Rick has a passion for the youth and athletics locally and gives generously of his time for them; and

**WHEREAS**, Rick began his service by coaching both T-Ball and Pitch League. He served as Commissioner of the Pitch League and the Ormond Beach Youth Baseball Association. Rick saw a need to join the girls softball and boys baseball programs, creating the current program, the Ormond Beach Youth Baseball/Softball Association (OBYBSA). Rick assisted in raising funds during that time to build the Buttleman's Softball Concession Stand and Quad; and

**WHEREAS**, when Rick's oldest son became interested in competitive baseball, he oversaw the formation of The Golden Spikes team. That was the first team to travel outside of Florida to Cooperstown, New York for the Field of Dreams Tournament; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the South Ormond Neighborhood Center, Rick worked tirelessly to encourage community youth to join OBYBSA. He spent time recruiting coaches and raising funds to help offset the cost of scholarships from the community-at-large. Rick also became involved with the Police Athletic League, assisting with donations and scholarships for their programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Rick met Gib Dannehower and together they created the Ormond Beach Youth Football and Cheerleader Association, under the guidelines of the Pop Warner Association. They raised enough money to purchase all equipment and uniforms that were necessary, and maximized the number of participants for each football team and cheer squad, for their inaugural start date. Rick oversaw management operations while Mr. Dannehower supervised the coaches. The Ormond Beach Youth Football and Cheerleader Association program has been very successful, with several teams traveling to various playoffs and one team reaching the Pop Warner Semi-Final Game; and

**WHEREAS**, Rick Ferritto advocates for quality athletic services for all youth in the community, and has worked to make Ormond Beach a great place to live, work, and play for all citizens. The Ormond Beach City Commission unanimously voted to dedicate and name the Limitless Playground at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex, the "*Ferritto Family Limitless Playground*";

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim August 28, 2021, as a day to dedicate the

## ***FERRITTO FAMILY LIMITLESS PLAYGROUND***

and to honor

## **RICK FERRITTO**

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join me in recognizing Rick Ferritto for his outstanding service to the community and its recreation services, and his commitment to 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.

  
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**BILL PARTINGTON**  
Mayor