

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 2,500 locations across the United States, at sea and abroad; and

WHEREAS, each year, Wreaths Across America chooses a new theme to assist supporters in focusing their message and outreach in their own communities. The theme for 2021 is “Live up to their Legacy”, inspired by United States Army Chief of Staff General James C. McConville’s comment on Fox News Sunday in November 2020. As part of the discussion, General McConville stated, “*We stand on the shoulders of heroes that have gone before us, and really what we strive to do is live up to their legacy.*” His message resonated with Wreaths Across America Executive Director Karen Worcester and many others; and

WHEREAS, across the country Saturday, December 18, 2021, 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 18, 2021, 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 18th day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor