

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Kenneth (Ken) Russell has been responsible for overseeing the distribution of water to all customers of the City of Ormond Beach Utilities, while also creating and implementing solutions to improve the delivery of water to residents, and the maintenance of fire protection hydrants during his time working for the City of Ormond Beach. Ken started working for the City in May 1990; and

WHEREAS, Ken grew up in Connecticut, moving to this area following service to his country in the United States Air Force. Ken has spent the last 17 years as the Water Distribution Supervisor, where his commitment to the profession has allowed Ken to earn the distinction of Class 1 Water Distribution System Operator. This is the highest level of certification achieved by less than 20% of those achieving certification; and

WHEREAS, the main priority in Ken's life is his family. He enjoys spending quality time with his wife, Emily, sons Joey and Brody as well as parents, siblings, nieces, and nephews. Family provides focus for his actions and all plans for the future revolve around them; and

WHEREAS, Ken is responsible for many important programs within the City of Ormond Beach and its Utility Department. This includes procedures that ensure the City's meters are properly calibrated, that backflow prevention devices protect the City's water supply, that the City's fire hydrants continue to provide fire protection to our neighborhoods, and that underground utilities are located in an accurate and timely manner to ensure that they remain safe during construction activity. Ken has been recognized by citizens and local papers for his response to urgent situations affecting the community, many times going above and beyond the call of duty. He was awarded Employee of the Quarter and Employee of the Year in FY 2013-2014 by the City and Employee of the Year for Public Works/Utilities in 2015 by the Volusia County League of Cities; and

WHEREAS, Ken's dedication to the City leaves a legacy that will be felt for many years to come through these programs, the staff he has trained and mentored, the friendships he has established, the positive experiences with the public, and the essential distribution system that provides water to the residents of the City of Ormond Beach; and

WHEREAS, Ken retires on January 5, 2022, after over 31 years of service, to spend more time with his family and begin the next phase of his life. We appreciate all that Ken 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 January 5, 2022, as a day to recognize

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in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage all residents to join me in wishing Ken Russell 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 5th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor