

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Richard “Rusty” Sievers has dedicated himself to the Fire Service for more than 40 years and has served as the City of Ormond Beach Fire Chief for the last four years; and

**WHEREAS**, Rusty moved to Florida when he was nine years old from upstate New York. He received his Associate’s Degree in Fire Science Technology from Broward Community College and his Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from Northwood University; and

**WHEREAS**, Rusty began his Fire Services career in 1979 for the City of Lauderhill. He worked his way up the ladder to Assistant Fire Chief before going to Lauderdale Lakes Fire Rescue Department in 1999 as its new Fire Chief. Rusty provided his expertise and service to the Broward Sheriff’s Office, Fort Lauderdale International Airport, Lauderdale by the Sea, Cooper City, and Deerfield Beach before coming to the City of Ormond Beach in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure as Ormond Beach’s Fire Chief, Rusty had several accomplishments. One of the most significant was establishing replacement schedules for large expenditures, including bunker gear and fire engines, with the first two engines being delivered in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Rusty is responsible for relocating and upgrading the City’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to Fire Station 92, including the revision of the incident command policies used. He coordinated the City’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, providing all City departments with needed supplies and assisting in the establishment of the Fire Department and City pandemic policies. He initiated a five-year plan to upgrade the City’s emergency traffic control devices to allow emergency vehicles to navigate traffic more safely. He coordinated the transition to upgrade the radio system for the entire City; and

**WHEREAS**, Rusty is returning to Deerfield Beach where he will serve as the Emergency Manager and have an opportunity to be closer to family; his wife Sharon of 30 years and three daughters: Brooke, Reed and Jade.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 21, 2022, as a day to recognize

## RICHARD “RUSTY” SIEVERS

in the City of Ormond Beach and encourage all residents to join me in wishing Rusty and his family all the best in their new endeavors.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-two.

  
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**BILL PARTINGTON**  
Mayor