

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Gloria and Ray Max moved to Volusia County in 1983, and from that point on Ormond Beach and Volusia and Flagler Counties were forever impacted by their steadfast compassion; and

WHEREAS, while Gloria was the executive director at the Jewish Federation of Volusia and Flagler Counties for 27 years, she helped feed approximately 675,000 people. During that time, Ray was always by her side; and the two of them dedicated their lives, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year to ensuring families in need had food on their plates and in their pantries; and

WHEREAS, their contributions to the community were not limited to feeding those less fortunate, but extended to backpack and school supply drives equipping children from 89 schools over five years with supplies to assist them in their learning success; raising money to build bomb shelters and providing two fire responder trucks to poor neighborhoods of Israel; and providing cash assistance to victims of hurricanes and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Gloria and Ray were amazing people, who lived life to the fullest while being kind and generous to others, regardless of race or religion. This did not go unnoticed, as Gloria was described as a champion with a mission and honored in 2020 as the “Most Influential Woman of the Year” by the Daytona Beach News-Journal; and

WHEREAS, Gloria as a young woman, through example of her father, learned the importance of sharing and helping others. Both Gloria and Ray tirelessly demonstrated this selfless character throughout their lives; serving as an example to their family, friends and the community – ensuring their work will live on; and

WHEREAS, Gloria and Ray, married 61 years, are survived by their daughter Jackie Miller, son Jeff Max, son-in-law Mark Miller, and granddaughter Lauren Miller; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2022, as a day to recognize

GLORIA AND RAY MAX

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me on this day as we honor their legacy and celebrate their devotion to others and the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 9th day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.



BILL PARTINGTON
Mayor