

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, on January 12, 2010, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake devastated Haiti, there have been many stories of death and destruction, as well as a global outpouring of aid; and

**WHEREAS**, people lost family, friends, and communities in an instant. Children were orphaned in a nation already struggling to care for many orphans. Hospitals, factories and government agencies disappeared. Essential aid organizations lost brave people and resources. Communications and transportation were ruined, including the port that brings in almost all goods into the nation...needless to say, the need for food and medical supplies is overwhelming; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been a tremendous response by people in our community, such as three anesthesiologists, two cranial-facial surgeons, one general surgeon, and one radiation oncologist who joined Dr. Todd McCall on a five-day humanitarian mission they called "Operation Changing Lives." A trip made possible by Fred Hudson of Hudson Furniture, Drs. John Akers, Joyce Battle, Vishtab Broumand, David Fox, Todd McCall, Derrick Payne and Mark White, all who practice in Daytona Beach, and Dr. Tim Garvey of Gainesville, flew to the province of Elias Pina in the Dominican Republic to do what they could to ease the humanitarian crisis. Fred Hudson and Drs. Akers, Fox and White are Ormond Beach residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Emanuele and Anita Fano, the owners of Caffé Capri Ristorante, and their dedicated staff felt compelled to participate in the relief effort for Haiti's children after the devastating earthquake by hosting a dinner at their Trails Shopping Center restaurant with over 40 people attending and raising more than \$2,500 for children's programs at the Northwest Haiti Mission; and

**WHEREAS**, with ties to the island spanning the past ten years, Tomoka Christian Church has coordinated a variety of earthquake relief efforts through its members and the community. Thus far, their efforts include serving as a community collection point for medical supplies, food, baby formula, and other critical supplies. The church has collected, sorted, packed, and trucked 15 pallets of supplies to Haiti and provided more than \$23,000 in cash donations to assist in relief efforts. Even the little children of the Children's Village pre-school brought money from their own piggybanks and five boxes of food to add to the collection; and

**WHEREAS**, Oasis Christ Fellowship, too, has had a relationship with Haiti for the past ten years, in Phyllis Newby, founder of the Stainard Mission Center clinic/orphanage. Stainard Mission Center has some of the only functioning surgical rooms available in the area and is medically serving over 1,000 Haitians per day, along with feeding them. Oasis has raised \$3,000 for the clinic and hopes to send a team down to help Ms. Newby; and

**WHEREAS**, Riverbend Community Church's participation in the Haiti earthquake relief effort thus far has consisted of 78 boxes of needed supplies totaling 3,126 pounds, including over \$10,500 in donations, which will be used to purchase snack bars, peanut butter, blankets, towels, washcloths, personal hygiene products, first aid kits, flashlights, batteries, shoes and flipflops, tents, and tarps. All supplies were delivered to Missionary Flights International, which transported them to missionaries on the ground in Haiti for proper distribution; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ormond Beach is proud that our local faith community and businesses have stepped up to partner with their state and national organizations, such as Rotary and other civic clubs, and Publix, whose customers helped them raise more than \$4.4 million in support of the American Red Cross Haiti Relief and Development Fund; and

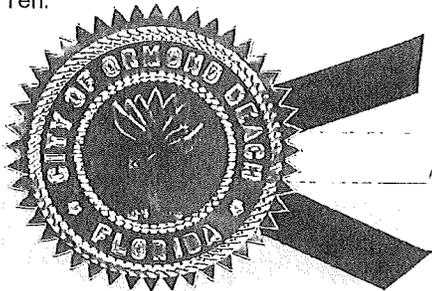
**WHEREAS**, the humanitarian efforts in Haiti have been a reminder of who we are when we strive to find our finest selves;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Fred Costello, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 2, 2010, as a day to recognize the faith community, businesses, civic organizations, physicians, and citizens working together to help those under crisis in

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in the city of Ormond Beach and encourage all residents to join me by recognizing and appreciating their valuable contributions to Haiti and our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the city of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Ten.



*Fred Costello*  
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Mayor