

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every child deserves a nurturing family and a safe environment, free from fear, abuse, and neglect. Tragically, sexual, emotional, and physical abuse threatens too many children every day in communities across our nation. Parents, guardians, relatives, and neighbors all share a responsibility to prevent these devastating crimes, and our government plays a critical role as well; and

WHEREAS, pornography can have debilitating effects on communities, marriages, families, and children. The effects of pornography are particularly destructive with respect to children. Child pornography preys upon defenseless children and exposes them to physical and mental abuse which can leave emotional scars that last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice coordinates programs to track and prosecute child pornography offenders across all jurisdictions, from local police department to federal investigations, and international cooperation with other governments. Police agencies have deployed trained staff to track child pornography files and the computers used to share them as they are distributed on the Internet; and

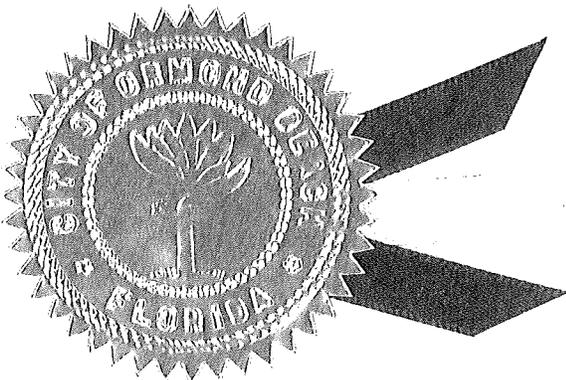
WHEREAS, local, state, and federal agencies, parents, educators and the business community should join forces to combat the production and distribution of child pornography;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fred Costello, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim

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to be an activity in which all responsible agencies and serious-minded people should endeavor to eliminate from 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 18th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Ten.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Costello".

FRED COSTELLO
Mayor