

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Ormond Beach Historical Society (OBHS), formerly the Ormond Beach Historical Trust, was created 30 years ago to save The Casements, and because of the efforts of the founding members, the city received a federal grant to restore The Casements. Other past accomplishments include convincing Emmer Development Corporation to invest in restoring the watchtower on A1A, preservation of the Indian burial mound located at the corner of Mound Avenue and South Beach Street, and being instrumental in the establishment of the City of Ormond Beach Historic Landmark Preservation Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, OBHS is housed in the historic MacDonald House built in 1895, which also functions as the Ormond Beach Welcome Center and Museum. Interpretative panels, historic photographs, and DVD's give visitors a real sense of the diverse people that have lived in the Ormond Beach area chronicling our rich and diverse history from the earliest inhabitants, the Timucua Indians, to the Flagler era and the Hotel Ormond. OBHS has recently embarked on a new media outreach involving Bright House Networks and Channel 13 with their popular feature, "This Day in Central Florida History"; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson-Price Memorial Building, formerly the Woman's Club, was built in 1916 and recently restored by the OBHS. The Anderson-Price Memorial Building has become a focal point for community activities and special occasions. It is currently the site of the popular and expanding *Discover Our History Lecture Series*, which is sponsored in part by the Florida Humanities Council and free and open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the OBHS conducts scenic historical bus tours that travel along the Ormond Scenic Loop with knowledgeable tour guides pointing out historical sites and homes, as well as, a plantation tour and cemetery tour of Pilgrim's Rest which are offered once a year featuring re-enactors offering a glimpse into an era long lost. Recently, the OBHS has organized tours of other historical sights such as the Kingsley Plantation near Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS, the OBHS manages the Three Chimneys Sugar Mill Ruin for the State of Florida. The site is included on the Ormond Beach local landmarks list and OBHS has applied for a listing on the National Register of Historic Landmarks with hopes of developing an on-site State Park within the next five years to promote year-round access for the public to this educational resource that is an important archaeological site in the heart of Ormond Beach. A state historical marker was placed on the site in March 2010; and

WHEREAS, Historical Society volunteers operate as docents at the Hotel Ormond Cupola on weekends September through May. The cupola stands in elegant tribute to the men and women who followed the call of adventure to travel to the wilderness that was Ormond Beach to make their mark upon history; and

WHEREAS, the Ormond Beach Historical Society plays a vital role in promoting Ormond Beach through education and preservation of our history;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fred Costello, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 27, 2010, as a day to recognize the

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in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me in appreciation of the accomplishments and contributions of the Ormond Beach Historical Society to our city and community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 27th day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Ten.



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

FRED COSTELLO

Mayor