

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, a look at Ormond's history would not be complete without mentioning one of the most famous residents, John D. Rockefeller. Ormond residents became accustomed to having the "world's richest man" as a neighbor. Each winter he held the annual Rockefeller Christmas Party at The Casements where he invited his Ormond friends to sit around the tree, share gifts, and holiday cheer.

**WHEREAS**, today Mike Fisher's portrayal of "Mr. Rockefeller" is often part of festivities at events such as The Casements Christmas Gala, Birthplace of Speed Celebration, Volusia League of Cities dinners, Home for the Holidays Parade, and The Casements Grand Re-opening. The Casements Guild has celebrated The Casements Gala for 31 years with the role of "Mr. Rockefeller" offering a glimpse into an era long lost as he re-enacts John D. Rockefeller and kicks off the holiday event; and

**WHEREAS**, one of Mike Fisher's greatest pleasures is portraying Mr. John D. Rockefeller at such events. His friendliness and love of life create a priceless magnetism for old and young alike. His life is symbolic of the quality of life available for those who reach out to others. The dimes he distributes are his own...not supplied from any other sources; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike has always drawn his greatest pleasure from being involved in and working for the community. He has been an active member of Kiwanis, United Way, Downtown Business Association, Life Underwriters, as well as numerous civic activities. During his professional career, he was District Manager for Equitable Life Insurance Company; professional education for those in insurance, law and other fields continues to be important to him. He has been a member of the Senior Center and a local Elks Club for many years where he plays a long favorite game--poker. Mike continues to be a beach comber covering a favorite area...the sands and shoreline mainly from Amsden to the Granada entrance of Ormond Beach, where he picks up trash and for many years one item of treasure...the sea bean; and

**WHEREAS**, recently Mike celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, and we would all agree he has "aged to perfection";

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Fred Costello, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 20, 2010, as

## MIKE FISHER DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach in celebration of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and for his continued service as an ambassador to our City.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Ten.



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

**FRED COSTELLO**

Mayor