

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Elks "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Contest is the largest and most visible of the many youth activities sponsored by the Elks Lodges. More than three million boys and girls, ages 8-13, will participate this year. The Elks "Hoop Shoot" highlights the Elks commitment to America's youth; and

WHEREAS, the "Hoop Shoot" program provides a constructive, character-building experience for the young people who participate. The program allows competition with peers teaching young people the importance of developing individual skills. In addition to mental and physical benefits provided by competing in the "Hoop Shoot" program, all contestants at every level of competition receive certificates of participation and achievement. Winners receive trophies and plaques, and the names of national champions are displayed at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, nine-year old Samantha Roberts, a three-year veteran in the Girl's Midget Division, started playing basketball under Gerry Pitchford at the Nova Gymnastics Center. She is a third-grader at Tomoka Elementary where she was chosen by her physical education teacher, Coach James Vollinger, for the Elk's competition. She began by participating in the Local Hoop Shoot at the Nova Gym, where she made 20 out of 25 free throws. She moved on to the District Championships at Seminole High School in Sanford and won with a total of 17 out of 25 throws. She then competed in the Regional's in Lake Placid where she again won with a total of 18 out of 25 free throws. Samantha next competed in the State Championship in Umatilla, at the Florida Elks Youth Camp where she became the State Champion with a total of 19 free throws; and

WHEREAS, Samantha is scheduled to compete in Georgia later this month; and if she wins there, she will be travelling to Springfield, Massachusetts, home of the Basketball Hall of Fame, for a shot to be the National Champion; and

WHEREAS, Samantha's recent accomplishments include the Florida State Gymnastic Championship in the bars competition under Coach George Postell, the Presidential Physical Fitness Award at Tomoka Elementary School, and participating in the CMT production of "Annie, Jr." She tries her best in everything she does and sets a great example for others in every way;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2011, as

SAMANTHA ROBERTS DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me on this day as we recognize Samantha Roberts as an outstanding representative of the youth of the City of Ormond Beach.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 21st day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eleven.




ED KELLEY
Mayor