

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Eric Weems, who moved to Ormond Beach with his mother and siblings in 1996, attended Ormond Beach Middle School where he was an outstanding student; and

WHEREAS, Eric participated in the Ormond Beach and Daytona Beach Police Athletic Leagues, Daytona Beach Pop Warner, and South Ormond Sports Club. At Seabreeze High School, he was a letterman in football and basketball. In football, he was named the team M.V.P. and All-Area selection and All-State selection, and in basketball, he was named All-Area selection; and

WHEREAS, Eric received an athletic scholarship to attend Bethune-Cookman University to further his education and football career, where he was a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Academic All-American and a stand-out wide receiver/A-back from 2003-2007. In his senior year, he added special teams to his portfolio, serving as kickoff and punt return specialist for the Wildcats. He finished college with his name in numerous receiving categories; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Eric joined the NFL Atlanta Falcons as an undrafted free agent where he has worked his way to the top. He caught a career high of four catches against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the first week of the 2010 season and had his first career start as a wide receiver against the Arizona Cardinals in week two, his first career kickoff return for a touchdown against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in week 13, and returned his first career punt return for a touchdown against the Carolina Panthers in week 17 of the season; and

WHEREAS, in the 2010-2011 NFC divisional championship game against the Green Bay Packers, early in the second quarter, Eric fielded a kickoff two yards deep in his team's own end zone and ran virtually untouched for a 102-yard touchdown kickoff return, the 102 yards was an NFL post season record; and

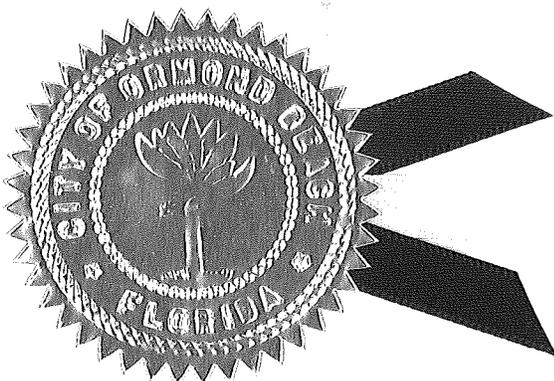
WHEREAS, Eric was selected for the 2011 Pro Bowl as a special team member, he finished the 2010 season with six catches for 61 yards, returned 40 kickoffs for 1,100 yards with one touchdown, returned 18 punts for 230 yards with one touchdown, and recorded 16 tackles on special teams, and he was the only player in the NFC to return a kick and a punt for a touchdown;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2011, as

ERIC WEEMS DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me on this day in paying tribute to Eric Weems for his outstanding accomplishments in football.

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